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INTER-STATE NARCO-MODULE

Strong links traced from Kupwara to Punjab's Ludhiana: J&K DGP



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 12

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh of Police Thursday said that the links of the Inter State narco-module busted a few days ago have been traced from north Kashmir's Kupwara district to Ludhiana Punjab. He said that eight people have been arrested so far-four from Kupwara and four from Punjab while 30 kgs of cocaine, Rs 5 crore cash, 40 fake number plates of vehicles, passports and a Germany made

In past 33 years, 2023 to go as peaceful ever year in J&K's history: **DGP Dilbagh Singh** revolver have been recovered.

Addressing the press conference District Police Lines (DPL) Jammu, DGP Singh, as per news agency, said that Ramban police recently intercepted the vehicle and recovered 30 kg of cocaine-like substance. "Though the final report of FSL is awaited, it seems that the recovered substance is cocaine," the DGP said, adding that four people from northern Kashmir's Kupwara district have been arrested.

"During the course of investigation, it was found that links of

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JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 12

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh said for the first time in the past 33 years, the year 2023 will be recorded as the peaceful ever year in the history of UT while as the "law

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Sanatan Dharma is 'synonymous' with India: RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat

JI NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCT 12

Sanatan Dharma is "synonymous" with India and the country's culture is based on it, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Thursday.

In an apparent reference to DMK leader Udhay-

anidhi Stalin's controversial comments on Sanatan Dharma last month, he said that saying that it should be destroyed is like harming oneself.

Stalin had claimed that Sanatan Dharma is against social justice and it



should be eradicated.

"We have to live by this Sanatan," the RSS chief said, adding that "ye Sanatan Bharat ke saath ekroop hai (Sanatan is synonymous with India)".

Bhagwat was addressing a gathering at an event at the Baba Mastnath Math in Haryana's Rohtak. "...Sanatan Dharma he Hindu rash

tra hai, ye apne rashtra ke saath ekroop hai (Sanatan Dharma is Hindu rashtra, it is synonymous with the country)", he said. "Our culture is based on Sanatan. The values of our religion are

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President visits Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine; inaugurates prestigious projects for the devotees ahead of Navratras

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATRA, OCTOBER 12

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu today visited the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji and paid obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum. She prayed for the prosperity and well-being of

She was accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha. This is the first visit of Smt. Droupadi Murmu as President to the Holy Shrine. On arrival at the Panchhi Helipad, the President was received by Sh. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

The President inaugurated various stateof-the-art pilgrim-centric facilities at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. These included 250-meter long and 2.5 mtr. wide

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Chief Secretary for start of month long cleanliness drive in govt offices



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today urged the Divisional and District administrations to carryout a month long cleanliness drive in all the government offices and schools of the UT.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Secretary, Tourism and Culture, both the Divisional Commissioners and

all Deputy Commissioners of the UT. While taking review of the Swachhta Mission here in J&K, Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers that since our villages have been declared as ODF+ Model category, it is imperative to make all our offices junk-free besides enhancing their ambience and sprucing up their surroundings.

The Chief Secretary maintained that nearly 50000 office premises including government school buildings should be properly cleaned to make them clean and aesthetic. He asked them to install dust bins besides giving facelift to these structures including cutting of grass and whitewashing of their interiors and exteriors. He stressed on making

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J&K braces for 4-day wet spell as weatherman predicts rains, snowfall from Saturday

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCT 12

Jammu and Kashmir is all set to witness a four-day wet spell commencing from Saturday as the weatherman here has stated that two back-to-back Western Disturbances are affecting the Union Territory from October 13 evening.

Earlier, J&K parts recorded two-day wet spell while several higher reaches of Kashmir and Banihal in Jammu division experienced fresh snowfall as well.

Deputy Director Meteorological department (MeT) told the news agency, there is a possibility of rainfall in plains and snowfall in higher reaches from October 13 evening to October 17 evening.

"The higher reaches would likely receive snowfall from 2 inches to 6 inches during the four-day wet spell in J&K," MeT Deputy Director said, adding that the temperature across the Union Territory would also go down.

The weather conditions are expected to improve from October 18 morning, he added.

Giving details about prediction of wet spell, Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng told KNO that on October 14, a spell of rain and snow is expected in most parts, especially in Kashmir region while on October 15, there is a possibility of intermittent rain and snow while in some areas, the day may predominantly remain overcast with little or no precipitation.

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India's voice getting stronger in a World surrounded by challenges: PM Modi in Uttarakhand

AGENCIES

PITHORAGARH, OCT 12

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that India's voice is getting stronger in a world surrounded by challeng-



es and asserted that the country's power was acknowledged internationally during the G20 Summit.

Addressing a public rally here, the prime minister CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Dr Jitendra Singh launches stateof-art national survey network

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, OCT 12

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today launched state-of-art latest National Survey Network. The nationwide "Continuously Operating Reference Stations" (CORS) Network will be operated by the Survey of India.

"India now has a world class Precise Location based service, which are capable of providing centimetre level positioning services in realtime," he said.

The Survey of India has set up more than 1,000 CORS stations across India, which are capable of providing centimetre level positioning services in real time.



Dr Jitendra Singh said we now have Indian data for Indian solu-

"The Government has initiated several growth-oriented initiatives the SVAMITVA project for mapping of rural abadi areas, the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity, Smart Cities & AMRUT Project for urban development, Bharatmala and Sagarmala Projects for improving the logistics sector, National Hydrology Project to harness water resources and multiple other infrastructural and developmental projects. The common thread among all these projects is the requirement of high-accuracy mapping and

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Govt launches bidding for City Gas distribution network in J&K, N-E

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, OCT 12

India on Thursday offered CNG retailing licenses in seven areas mostly in the North East and J&K for bidding in the latest round, as the government looks to expand the reach of natural gas in the country.

Petroleum and Natural Gas CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Demining operation in Leh, 175 mines destroyed

AGENCIES LEH/JAMMU, OCT 12

The Army conducted a demining operation in three areas of Leh district and destroyed 175 mines, officials said on Thursday.

This has been done on the demand of locals living along the Line of Actual Control (LAC)

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First chartered flight to bring back around 230 people from Israel by Friday: MEA

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, OCT 12

A charter flight is expected to reach Israel's capital city Tel Aviv by this evening and return to India with around 230 passengers on board by Friday morning, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said today.

"As announced by EAM yesterday, Operation Ajay has been launched to facilitate the return from Israel of our citizens who wish to come back. The first charter flight will be reaching Tel Aviv later tonight to pick up the Indian citizens and is likely to return to India tomorrow morning," the external affairs ministry spokesperson said while addressing a media briefing here today.

"We are keeping a close watch on the situation in Israel," Bagchi



The MEA spokesperson also said that there were no Indian casualties so far.

"We haven't heard of any casualty so far," he said.

"Around 18,000 Indians are in Israel. There is conflict going on and it is a matter of concern. Indians advised to follow advisories issued by our mission,"

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Meri Maati Mera Desh

DC Kishtwar engages in Amrit Kalash Yatra at block Thakrie

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner, Thakrie Tasleem Wani, Dr. Devansh Yadav, par- along with other blockticipated in the Block level level officers, field Amrit Kalash Yatra organ- functionaries and PRIs, ised by the Department actively participated in of Rural Development & the Amrit Kalash Yatra. Panchayati Raj, Thakrie, under the banner of "Meri program was the dis-Maati Mera Desh" in Block play of patriotic fervour Thakrie of District Kishtwar on Wednesday.

Simultaneously, the Family members of event held at Panchayat Veers/Shaheeds were Filler A, of Block Thakrie, also felicitated with also involved attentively gifts under "Meri Maati listening to the grievanc- Mera Desh" on the es of the local populace occasion. Additionally, during the Block Diwas program.

Dignitaries and com- ment and ICDS were the district administration the presence of PRIs, CMO and Thakrie area, includ- and PO ICDS. ing BDC Chairman Kishori

Keen, DSWO Kishtwar Zubair Ahmed Lone, CMO, CAO, CHO, BDO

The highlight of the by PRIs and local residents of Block Thakrie. the Baby Kits provided by the Health Depart-

A symbolic unification in Kishtwar, symbolising Lal Shan, PO ICDS Dr. occurred as Kalash from unity and devotion to the to the masses and PRIs for Rishi Kumar Sharma, ACD 8 different Panchayats nation and honouring the Manoj Kumar, Tehsildar within the block contrib-fallen heroes. Kishtwar Muneeb Umar, uted humble soil from AD FCS & CA Shafqat each Panchayat during the gram was also presented every house in the block.



the district headquarters the occasion.

munity members from handed over to mothers in event, creating an Amrit by Bhartiya Vidya Mandir imate concerns would be office under the ongoing Kalash to be dispatched to School and HSS Filler on

> their active participation, DC Kishtwar thanked them A patriotic cultural pro- for collecting soil from

of Tile works and Conutilisation of assets. In a parallel engage-

ment, Dr. Devansh gam. Yadav IAS presided over the Weekly Block Divas at Thakrie, attentively listening to grievances voiced by PRIs systematically addressed.

During the Block Diwas, In expressing gratitude DC Kishtwar informed upcoming workshop by

Meanwhile, DC ment & Career Counsel-Kishtwar actively par- ing Kishtwar and Tech ticipated in Swachh Mahindra Foundation on Bharat Abhiyan activi- career opportunities in ties, emphasising the logistics and allied health judicious use of Hooper sectors, scheduled for 18th Tipper in the block. October at GDC Kishtwar. During an inspection He encouraged youth to explore employment and struction of Commu-livelihood opportunities nity Compost Pit in in tourism and adventurethe Filler A Panchayat, related fields, including he stressed the proper courses at the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure, Pahal-

In response to water supply demands, DC Kishtwar urged Pani Samiti members to submit proposals for left-out habiand local residents. He tations for water supply assured them that legit-schemes in the DMPU Jal Jeevan Mission by 14th October 2023.

Similarly, a Block Diwas local youth about an program was conducted at Tiyari Paddar by SDM District Administration Paddar Arun Badval, Kishtwar in collaboration addressing grievances and with District Employ- facilitating redressal.

DC Ramban reviews progress on Aadhar seeding in NSAP & ISSS



JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner today convened a virtual meeting of Child Devel- deadline. opment Project Officer of ICDS and Tehsil Social Welfare Officers to review Social Security Scheme under pension scheme. (ISSS) Pensioners.

ress on Aadhar seeding tional Deputy Commisunder the schemes, the sioner, Harbans Sharma, Deputy Commissioner District Social Welfare directed both the TSWOs Officer, Ramban, Rahul of Ramban and Banihal to ensure cent per cent Banihal, Ramban, Ramsoo Aadhar seeding under and Gool and also TSWO

2023. He also directed for ensuring cent per cent saturation under ISSS and a certificate in this regard Ramban, Mussarat Islam, shall be furnished by both the TSWOs as per the set

Issuing strict instructions regarding timely achievement of target the progress on Aadhar before stipulated time seeding in National Social period, the DC directed Assistance Programme to ensure that no eligi-(NSAP) and Integrated ble beneficiaries are left

The meeting was Reviewing the prog- attended by the Addi-Gupta, CDPOs of Project NSAP by October 26, Ramban and Banihal.

Director JKEDI reviews progress of Startup registrations, recovery & repayment status

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

The Director, Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Ajaz Ahmad Bhat on Thursday chaired a meeting to review number of startups registered, success of recovery efforts and the over-

neurial dreams, he added. JKEDI.

He however was quick

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recent wet spell.

fron crop.

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

The Director Agriculture

Kashmir, Chowdhury

Mohammad Iqbal today

visited Saffron areas of

Pampore and took stock

of the crop scenario amid

During the visit, the

Director inspected differ-

ent fields and took feed-

back from the concerned

Saffron growers regard-

ing the positive impact of

recent rainfall on the saf-

While having an

exchange of thoughts

with the farmers, the

Director underlined the

efforts by the department

for strengthening of irri-

gation facilities in the Saf-

Director Agriculture visits Saffron Areas of Pampore

Speaking at the meet- ability of the programs, encouraging more startup Director, JKEDI, In Charge repayment system. registrations, JKEDI aims Recovery, Regional Coorto realize their entrepre- district nodal officers of

all status of repayment system. This ensures that the aim of providing the under various schemes startups not only receive youth of Jammu and Kashat the Institute's Sempora initial support but also mir the greatest possible contribute to the sustain- opportunity to turn their dream projects into realing, the Director said that thereby creating a cycle ity. Additionally, he under-Startups play a pivotal role of growth and self-suffi- scored the importance of in providing opportunities ciency. The meeting was taking extra measures to for the youth of the UT. By attended by Executive reinforce the recovery and

The Director further to empower the younger dinators, In charge CIIBM, discussed the geographigeneration, enabling them In Charge CSF and all the cal distribution of startups and emphasized the need to ensure that entre-Director JKEDI directed preneurial opportunities to add that it is also impor- all officials to increase are accessible across the tant to maintain a robust their efforts to boost districts within the UT. and sustainable ecosystem recovery and repayment startup registrations, with The Institute provides for startups.

mentorship, training, and access to resources. The comprehensive support mechanism of the Institute is designed to ensure the success of startups in the long run.

Earlier, In-Charge, recovery and repayments, JKEDI provided a detailed review of recovery statistics, showcas-

ing the progress made by entrepreneurs in repaying loans and dues. Some districts were identified as lagging behind in startup registrations.

The Director directed these districts to accelerate their efforts in this regard, ensuring equitable access to opportunities across the UT. Those districts that were found to be trailing in their recovery efforts were also directed to expedite the process, enabling a more balanced

be provided to more and

more farmers and the

crop could be introduced

assured the saffron farm-

ers of all the possible tech-

nical support. He directed

the concerned officers to

work in close coordina-

tion with farmers and

guide them during all the

pre and post harvesting

Earlier, the Director

participated in some agri-

culture activities including sowing operations in

the fields of some farmers.

ited a honey processing

plant at Tral (Pulwama)

Later, the Director vis-

Director Agriculture

in newer areas.

operations.

District Level Fruit Show & Workshop organized by Department of Horticulture Kishtwar under MIDH Scheme JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 12

The Department of Horticulture Kishtwar orchestrated a District Level Event, including a Fruit Show and Workshop, today at TRC, Kishtwar, under the scheme MIDH (Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture).

The program was presided over by District Development Commissioner, Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav.

Over 500 growers from various parts of the district actively participated in the event, gaining valuable insights into innovative horticulture practices and technology.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner commended the com-He urged participants to national markets. leverage the incentives tance of Farmer Producer ments. Organizations (FPOs), he and lead in the horticulture and allied sector.

pants to acquire skills in of the Horticulture Departpreneurship for economic sity Plantation, and HADP. gains. He emphasized the Mustafa informed farmers value addition of horticulmendable efforts of the ture products to meet the able, particularly the 50

provided by government Deputy Commissioner under CAPEX for estabschemes for the welfare of actively inspected the lishing fruit and dry fruit the farming community. stalls set up by the Horti- units. Emphasizing the impor- culture and allied Depart-

encouraged them to unite ture Officer, Kishtwar, farmers and experts from Sajid Mustafa, welcomed the Department of Hortiguests and participants. culture.

The Deputy Commis- He provided a detailed sioner motivated partici- briefing on the schemes fruit and vegetable pres- ment, including CAPEX, ervation, fostering entre- MIDH, Modified High-Denabout the incentives avail-Horticulture Department. demands of both local and and 60 percent subsidies for male and female entre-During the event, the preneurs respectively

> In the afternoon session, a workshop facili-Earlier, Chief Horticul- tated interaction between

Inter District-Divisional Level Badminton Tournament for Girls kicks off in Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, OCTOBER 12

The Inter District-Divisional Level Tournament of Badminton for AAG(All Age Groups) Girls began today at the Rani Suchet Singh Indoor Stadium in Arazi, District Samba.

The tournament was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Samba.

The overall supervision of this event was expertly managed by District Youth Services & Sports Officer Samba, Sunil Kumar Sharma.

The Chief Guest of the occasion was Abhishek Sharma. District Development Commissioner Samba.

Over 126 girls hailing from 10 districts of the Jammu province are participating in the tournament.

In his address the Chief Guest, District Development Commissioner Samba veyed best wishes to the team, lauded the relentless efforts of the Sports staff and expressed his appreciation for the dedication exhibited by DYSSO Samba and his team, highlighting their commendable work in making the event a grand success.

In the Under 19 category, Jammu and Doda have qualified for the finals. In the Under 17 category, Jammu and Udhampur have qualified for the finals.

IIT Jammu forges academic ties with DAAD Germany to foster faculty exchange



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu) has taken a significant step in bolstering international academic collaboration by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DAAD Germany (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst/German Academic Exchange Service) to facilitate faculty exchange programs between IIT Jammu and esteemed German Higher Education Institutes.

emony occurred at the roundtable discussion reputation.

ing educational partner- including internships, ships. Prof. Manoj Singh dual degree programs and Gaur, Director of IIT credit transfers. Jammu and DAAD Deputy exchanged the MoU docu- the event with his prescommitment to enhanc- nificance of this academic ing academic exchanges

underscores the shared yet another testament to commitment of India and IIT Jammu's dedication to Germany to strengthen strengthening global acatheir ties in higher educa- demic engagements and tion. Following the MoU further enhancing the The MoU signing cer- exchange, a productive institution's international

between the two nations.

German Embassy in New took place, focusing on Delhi, marking a notewor-strategies to promote thy milestone in foster- joint academic activities,

The German Ambassa-Secretary General, Dr. dor to India, Dr. Philipp Michael Harms, formally Ackermann, also graced ments, solidifying the ence, emphasising the sigcollaboration.

The signing of the MoU This collaborative effort with DAAD Germany is

Crackdown on illegal mining in Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, OCTOBER 12

Geology and Mining Department, following the directives of the Deputy Commissioner, has taken decisive action against illegal mineral transportation.

The department has successfully seized 6 dumpers and 2 tractor trollies. Out of these, 4 dumpers were confiscated in Vijaypur, while the remaining 2 were apprehended in Gurha Slathia and Samba. Additionally, the District Mining Officer, Mohammad Sayeed, conducted raids on various vehicles engaged in the illegal transport of minerals

In a significant development, a penalty notice of 5 lakhs has been issued to the leaseholder for recent violations of terms and conditions. This robust enforcement demonstrates a strong commitment to curbing illegal mineral transportation in the region.

crop. The Director said in this direction. that the department has

Power shutdown

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functional bore wells in expansion under saf- saffron corn multiplicathe area are put to the fron crop and different tion so that the seed could and their families.

Vijaypur, Chatha, Hakkal and adjoining areas will

He said the recent spell ers but the wet spell has farmers, Kisan advisory of rain is a blessing from complemented the overall board are on board in almighty for the saffron efforts by the department this endeavour. He said He said that the depart- identified 350 saffron also establish such units already ensured that the ment is working for area farmers (nurseries) for

fron areas of Pampore. service of Saffron farm- stakeholders including

that the department has

and discussed different operational proceedings with the concerned unit holder. He asked the unit holder to aware the local educated youth regarding the benefits of honey processing so that they could and earn the income and livelihood for themselves

JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Koulpur, Bandral, Vijaypur-III feeder and adjoining areas will remain affected on October

13 and 14 from 6 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Sarore local and Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has adjoining areas will remain affected on October 13 informed that the power supply to Miran Sahib, from 6 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to R. S. Pura, Purana Pind, Biaspur, Gadigarh, Bari Gawal Feeder and its adjoining will remain affected Brahmana, Industrial Area, Birpur Complex, Jakh, on October 14 and 15 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Sarore local, Sarore remain affected on October 13 from 7 am to 12 noon. Industry and adjoining will remain affected on Octo-Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) ber 15 from 6 am to 10 am.

Government Women's ITI Jammu

honours graduates at Convocation

Special Campaign 3.0

Fire & Emergency Services launches Swachhata across its Stations & offices in J&K



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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

the mission of improving overall cleanliness of Sahab Soura. offices with special focus on space management, the department of Fire & Emergency Services, has paign at a large scale in all Fire & Emergency Stations ing the programme. and offices across the UT of J&K. During the cleanliness programme, a mega management and beautiunder the theme 'Clean

India, Healthy India'. expand the cleanliness places and surroundings. drive programme to other areas, the Fire & that was started from 2nd Emergency Services in of October, shall continue

JI NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 12

Day was celebrated at

students, parents, facul-

Convocation Day

The 2nd Convocation institute.

the pass out trainees careers.

and encouraged them to

on their professional jour-

held at ITI Shopian

tute (ITI), Shopian today success stories and testi-

ty, and esteemed guests transformative impact of

to celebrate the accom- their training at ITI Shop-

The Convocation Day to their peers and under-

event featured a series lined the institute's com-

a welcome address by individuals with the skills

ian, who congratulated for success in their chosen

pursue their dreams with showcasing the diverse

determination and enthu- talents of students, added

graced by the presence of These performances

Raja Waheed and Muzaffar underscored the impor-

Ahmad, DDC Members, tance of nurturing not Shopian whose insightful only technical skills but

address inspired Techni- also creativity and self-

On the occasion, diplo- with a vote of thanks

mas and certificates were delivered by Sajad Ibra-

cians as they embarked expression.

The ceremony was atmosphere to the event.

Board Srinagar conducted cleanliness drives at three historical shrines In order to carry forward of Makhdoom Sahib, Peer Dastageer Sahib and Jenab

To make the special campaign 3.0 a success, Alok Kumar (ADGP) Director Fire & Emergency Serstarted the special cam- vices J&K is personally supervising and monitor-

He has issued directions to all the Command Officers and Jawans to commit drive has been launched themselves to cleanliness for cleanliness, space and carry out comprehensive cleanliness drives in fication of all Fire & Emertheir respective stations/ gency Stations and Offices offices in order to contribute towards creating a healthy and harmonious Besides, in order to atmosphere in their work-

Meanwhile this drive coordination with Waqf up to 31 October, 2023.

nized for dedication, hard

pass outs, highlighting the

Cultural performances,

a vibrant and celebratory

The Convocation Day

celebration concluded

2 Day Science Teacher Training **Program by Education Department** culminates successfully in Kishtwar



KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 12

teacher training program was recently organized Kishtwar district con-

October 11 and 12, 2023, aimed at enhancing the quality of science education in the region, particulandscape of Kishtwar. larly in the context of the newly inaugurated Vigyan the program, Dr. Devansh Shakti (STEM Lab).

Five schools in the district actively participated in this crucial training vated the participating initiative, with two science teachers from each to excel in their teaching school, totaling 10 teachers in attendance.

The two-day science advancing education.

organised by the Depart- 11th, with an inaugural ment of Education in the ceremony attended by the Chief Education Officluded Successfully here cer, Deputy CEO, and representatives from the The event, held on Respire Group. Their presence underscored the significance of teacher training in the educational

> On the second day of Yadav (IAS), Deputy Commissioner of Kishtwar, visited the training and motiteachers, inspiring them

The participating The program was orgateachers exhibited great nized under the auspices enthusiasm and actively of the Chief Education engaged in group activities teaching ideas for educa-Officer's office headed by geared towards improv-tors.

CEO Kishtwar Prehlad ing their teaching skills. Bhagat, emphasizing the Their dedication and district's commitment to positive energy made the CEO-Kishtwar training a The training program valuable experience for commenced on October all involved. As a result of this initiative, a total of 5 teachers have completed the training, promising a positive impact on science education in the district.

> Additionally, the Respire Group introduced the Respire Experiential Learning mobile application during the training program. This application is designed to provide science teachers with a platform to access problem-solving and science lab-related video content, thereby enhancing their teaching methods. It will serve as a valuable resource, offering a wide range of materials, support, and innovative

The Government Women Industrial Training Institute, Jammu, celebrated the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh 2nd Skill Convocation Ceremony on 12th October 2023 and honoured more than 100 graduating trainees. Ms. Sulekha Manhas wel-

top performers in various ed the institution for its one acquires becomes The Superintendent of outstanding performance meaningful when applied Women ITI Jammu distrib- in providing quality train- to bring about positive uted National Trade Cer- ing to the youth in differtificates and mementos to ent trades. He encouraged the successful trade top- the young trainees to take pers in the fields of COPA, advantage of all the oppor- extending best wishes to Fashion Design Technol- tunities provided by the all trainees and expressing ogy, Cosmetology, Early government to establish gratitude to all the dedi-Childhood Educator and their own businesses. He cated team members for Computer Hardware & emphasised that learn- their contributions and Network Maintenance ing is an ongoing pro- hard work in ensuring the

change.

Er. Avnil Mahajan conveyed a vote of thanks, Trade. He also commend- cess and the knowledge success of this event.

DC Ramban chairs meeting of District Level **Committee for implementation of PMMSY**

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comed all the graduating

trainees and extended

her congratulations to the

trades.

RAMBAN, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Musaraat Islam chaired the District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) meeting at the DC Office Complex, Ramban in order to discuss and assess the operations of Primary Agri-& to discuss in detail the scheme, utilizing PACS as formation of viable one PACS per panchayat.

During the meeting, threadbare discussions access to generic mediwere conducted covering several key aspects, including the adoption status of model bye-laws by all 13 PACS of the district & the project of Computerization of PACS.

the PMKSK initiative, the achieving all the targets ments.

formulation of Farmers' **Producer Organizations** (FPOs) by PACS, identificulture Credit Societies cation of PACS for conver-(PACS) within the district gence with the PM-KUSUM

> cines at the rural level. The Deputy Commisdepartments emphasiz-

Common Service Centers,

and establishing Jan Aus-

hadi Kendras to improve

Meanwhile, in the District Level Committee for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), the Deputy Commissioner also approved three cases including 2 for trout fish farms and one for Kiosk

for the district. Notable attendees at sioner issued essential the meeting included directives to relevant Additional District Development Commissioner ing the need for close Rajinder Kumar Sharma. coordination to revitalize ADC, Harbans Sharma, The meeting also the PACS in the district. He Deputy Registrar Cooperaaddressed district-wise urged these departments tives Ramban, CMO, CAO, targets for establishing to expedite the develop- CAHO, AD fisheries, DDM, new dairy and fisheries ment of an action plan & NABARD and representa-Cooperative Societies, work in collaboration for tives from allied depart-

Vikas Kundal flags off Anti Drug Rally

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RAJOURI, OCTOBER 12

In a stride toward realising the vision of an "Addiction-Free India" work, and achievements or "Nasha Mukt Bharat," during their time at the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, led The program also an awareness rally with Industrial Training Insti- included heartwarming students today. The event began at the DC office complex and concluded which brought together monials from some of the at the PWD Dak Bunglow, echoing a resounding message against the plishments of our talented ian. These stories served scourge of drug addiction. as a source of inspiration Deputy Commissioner of highlights, including mitment to empowering significance of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan. Superintendent ITI Shop- and knowledge necessary

drug abuse.

Deputy Commissioner Deputy Commissioner concerned stakeholders.



together to eliminate this problem, break the supply Vikas Kundal addressed chain and hold those Nasha Mukt Bharat district administration's addiction from the roots." Abhiyan is a nationwide commitment to steer the initiative aimed at provid- youth away from the dan- attended the event were

Vikas Kundal chairs mega programme on

addiction among our youth is a serious concern. It is our duty to protect the future of our nation by addressing this issue head-on. The Nasha Mukt the gathering, shedding involved in drug abuse Bharat Abhiyan is not just light on the objectives and accountable for their a campaign; it's a movement that requires col-He underscored the lective efforts to eradicate

Among the others who ing institutional support gerous path of drug addic- the Additional Deputy and empowering commution and encouraged the Commissioner Rajouri, nity outreach programs rally's participants to take Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; to create a society free the message to villages Assistant Commissioner from the clutches of vari- and schools, educating Revenue, Imran Rashid ous harmful addictions, them about the devastat- Kataria; Deputy DEO, including alcohol and ing effects of drug abuse. Babu Ram Tandan; DSWO, Speaking at the event, Abdul Rahim; and other

World Sight Day DC Kupwara inaugurates **Special Eye Screening Camp** JI NEWS SERVICE

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On the eve of 'World Sight Day', the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today inaugurated a 'Special Eye Screening camp' at D.C Office, here. The Camp was organized by District Health Society Kupwara under the banner "Love Your Eyes at Work" in which an Ophthalmology Surgeon and Ophthalmology Technician were deployed. On the occasion, the DC appreciated the efforts of the Health Department Kupwara for organizing the Eye Screening camp. She asked the concerned to continue such initiatives which will benefit the people in large. Meanwhile, eye screening of around 50 employees of D.C Office Complex were held during the Special Eye Screening camp.

It was informed that Eye Screening checkups were also held in all Health Institutions of the district including CHCs, PHCs and H&WCs in which eye checkups of large numbers of people were carried out.

Chief Medical Officer Kupwara and Medical Superintendent SDH Kupwara and other officers and officials were present at the event.

Evacuee Property Department reclaims land from illegal occupants at Jammu



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

In compliance with the Narwal Pain in Jammu, directives of the Cus- measuring 15 kanals and todian General of J&K, 02 marlas under khasra Mr. Rajinder Singh Tara no 64. This land, accord-(JKAS), the Evacuee ing to prevailing market Property Department in rates, is valued at over 30 Jammu has initiated an crore rupees. The SHO eviction drive to reclaim Satwari provided the EP Land from illegal occu- necessary police force pants, encroachers and to ensure the security of land grabbers. For this the eviction drive, which purpose, an eviction team was executed smoothly was formed under the and successfully. The EP close supervision of Cus- land was successfully todian Jammu, Mr. Ravin- reclaimed and signboards der Sharma (JKAS) and were installed around the was led by Deputy Cus- area to inform the general todian (HQ) Jammu, Mr. public. Aijaz Ahmed. The team included various field takes this opportunity inspectors from District to inform the public that Jammu and other officials encroachments on EP

identified and demarcated the EP Land, situated at The department also

authorities had previously

from the EP Department. Land will be dealt with The team received firmly and all necessary assistance from revenue legal steps will be taken to authorities, including the counter the actions of ille-Naib Tehsildar, Girdawar gal occupants, encroachand Patwari of the rele- ers and trespassers con-

"Meri Maati Mera Desh" in Rajouri block distributed among 165 him, expressing gratitude pass out students who to all who made the event acquired skills in ten possible, including factrades at ITI Shopian. ulty, staff, parents, and Each student was recog- sponsors.



SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

ness Centre' today organised an awareness event them Healthy' in the auditorium of the College.

raising awareness among proceedings and the event the students and the facul- ended with a brainstormty regarding oral hygiene ing Question Answer sesand Dental health. The sion and a pledge to abide event was attended by by the preventive meaabout 150 student partici-sures for Dental health pants and most of the fac- and Oral hygiene.

Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi highlighted

the importance of such health related events in the present day emerging Sri Pratap College, Sri- circumstance of health nagar in collabora- crises. Principal assured tion with 'Safe Hands', the gathering that con-'Dental Health & Aware- ducting such events is a priority in future as well.

Dr. Moomin Rashid and on oral hygiene themed Dr. Shahina Yasmin were 'Reach them Early Make the resource persons for the said event.

Prof. Magray Ajaz The event was aimed at Ahmad conducted the

District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, ing a profound sense of Rajouri Block, "Meri Maati Mera Desh," celebrating opment Commissioner the unity and patriotism of the local community.

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Prominent figures, including BDC Rajouri, CRPF 72 Bn Rajouri, Vivek Sakseena; 2nd IC BSF, Anil Vijay Kumar, ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DPO, Auqil with several other officers their stories and struggles. the torch of freedom and

occasion.

ists performed stirring patriotic songs, ignitled a program today in national pride among the attendees. District Devel-Vikas Kundal delivered a moving address, highlighting the pivotal role played by India's freedom fight-Darbar Chowdhury; 2nd IC ers in shaping the nation's destiny.

He emphasised the need and officials, graced the Understanding the sacri- progress into the future.

fices made by these heroes During the event, art-can serve as a wellspring of inspiration for the younger generation, providing a deeper appreciation of the principles of liberty, justice and equality that underpin India's democracy today.

He encouraged the youth to carry forward the legacy of these luminaries by becoming responsible citizens who uphold the values for which these freedom fighters fought. Kumar Lal; ADC Rajouri, to remember and honour The campaign reminds Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ACD these brave individuals the people of Rajouri about whose sacrifices laid the their profound bond with foundation for India's the soul of India, igniting Nuvaid; DYO, Nitin Hang- independence, urging the a sense of responsibility loo; BDO Rajouri, along youth to connect with among the youth to carry

vant revenue halqa. These cerning EP Land.

SC to pass common order to get seven and nine judges bench matters ready for hearing

NEW DELHI, OCT 12

The Supreme Court on for hearing.

D Y Chandrachud took on disqualification of Manoj Misra.

MLAs. It was pronounced tion bench.

Thursday said it will pass these matters ready for each case. a common order in sev- hearing. We will pass eral nine-judge and sev- a common order in all en-judge bench matters, these matters in terms of in some of these matincluding those relating to the circular of August 22, ters, requested the bench money bills and the speak- 2023 that the compilation to indicate the dates for er's power to disqualify of pleadings, documents hearing in advance so law-MLAs, to get them ready and precedents that must yers could prepare their be all filed within say... A seven-judge bench we will give three weeks headed by Chief Justice to everyone," the CJI said.

"We will appoint nodal up six seven-judge and counsel in every matter for consideration. One common compilation," of the seven-judge bench said the bench, also commatters pertains to the prising Justices Sanjay have been pending for 20 correctness of the 2016 Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv years, it noted. Nabam Rebia verdict relat- Khanna, B R Gavai, Surya ing to the speaker's power Kant, J B Pardiwala and

The bench told the by a five-judge Constitu- advocates appearing in these matters to give the "... The idea is to get names of nodal counsel in

> Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who is appearing

The CJI said he would look into the calendar of the benches for this.

The bench said the lawfour nine-judges matters who will then prepare a yers may indicate the estimated time for a matter.

When the matter relat-

Many of these matters

up before the apex court, seniority wise. It is entire-cal exigencies".

Sibal requested the bench ly my lords discretion," to consider giving it pri- Solicitor General Tushar ority, saying it is a "live Mehta, representing the issue".

Centre, said. He added "We would request, that priority cannot be ing to money bills came your lordships may go decided based on "politi-

"Leave it to us," the bench said.

In the Nabam Rebia vertion bench had held that

court said it would consti- which may or may not be tute a seven-judge bench accepted by the Lower to consider the issue of House. In November 2019, validity of passage of a five-judge bench of the laws like the Aadhaar apex court had referred to Act as a money bill. The a larger bench the issue of issue relates to the con- examining the validity of troversy around money the passage of the Finance bills after the government Act, 2017 as a money bill. introduced legislations like the Aadhaar Bill and tion of Money Bill, as even amendments to defined under Article the Prevention of Money 110(1) of the Constitution, Laundering Act (PMLA) as and certification accorded money bills, apparently by the Speaker of the Lok dict, a five-judge Constitu- to circumvent the Rajya Sabha in respect of Part-Sabha where it did not XIV of the Finance Act, the speaker or the deputy have majority. A money 2017 is referred to a larger speaker of the house is bill is a piece of legislation Bench," it had said.

incapacitated from decid- which can be introduced ing the pleas for disquali- only in the Lok Sabha and fication of lawmakers if the Rajya Sabha cannot there are pre-existing amend or reject it. The complaints against them. Upper House can only On October 6, the apex make recommendations

"The issue and ques-

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Strong links traced...

route used for narco-smuggling; the fresh consignment curb illegal usage. was also smuggled from the same route. We have registered 12 cases in the Amrohi area of Kupwara related to narco-terror," the DGP said, adding that even though received, there are credible leads that show that narcotics have been smuggled physically.

He said after the arrest of four accused from Kupwara, J&K police in a joint operation with the Punjab police arrested four more people including the key handler of the drugs. "Investigations showed that the plates, passports and a German made revolver from its efforts. the arrested persons," he said.

Asked about the number plates, the DGP said that it seems that during the transportation of drugs that were supposed to be transported from Kuwpara to Punjab, number plates were used to deceive police on the highways. "The drivers of vehicles ferrying drugs would have been impersonating police officials given the police badges recovered and also the number plates of the vehicles would have been changed from one stop to another," he said.

He said that so far it has been found that narcotics are fuel terrorism. "Links of all major terror organisations have come to fore in the racket," DGP said.

He said as the investigations are on, more arrests dropped consignments of narcotics have been reported from the International border in Jammu areas. "With the arrest of eight accused, a big inter-state narco smuggling module has been busted," the DGP said. To a query about the number of drug abusers in J&K, the DGP said nary investigation suggests that there are 7 lakh people who have fallen prey to drugs in J&K-(KNO)

In past 33 years...

and order issues have also come down to zero."

Talking to reporters in Jammu, DGP Singh, as per the history of UT.

"There has been no law and order issue in the year 2023. Overall law and order issues have come to zero,' the I&K police chief said.

On the terrorism related incidents, DGP Singh said such incidents have decreased 200 times compared to past figures. "Killings of innocent civilians who would be killed on one or the other pretext have also come down to an all-time low. The killings of security forces in terrorist related incidents and those who would go home on leave have reached zero as well," he said as per KNO.

The DGP said that local militant recruitment has come down close to zero in J&K. "In 2018, 210 local boys joined militancy. In 2023, ten boys joined terrorism of which six were killed in various encounters and only four are left now," he said. The J&K police chief said that efforts are on to wipe out remaining terrorism in the UT.

"I congratulate the youth for ignoring the radicalisation propaganda and choosing their careers in peace," DGP Singh said-(KNO)

Chief Secretary for...

the UT 'litter-free' by penalizing littering on streets. While reviewing the preparations for sending of block level Amrit Kalashs to New Delhi under 'Meri Maati Mera Desh', the Chief Secretary underscored the our first villages is our priority." Earlier in the day, Prime need for making all the arrangements at District and Divisional level to receive these soil urns and sending them onwards for the building of the National monu-

He remarked that as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Culture, the soil has been collected from each rural and urban household. He also asks for giving uniform attire to all those youth volunteers going to is eternal, the RSS chief said and asserted that it was the national capital with respective Amrit Kalashs from their blocks and ULBs.

The Chief Secretary also took note of the timely disposal of files in government offices. He observed that from the overall disposal of nearly 96% files, the Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda, and seers from number should reach 99% by month end. He called for having no pendencies beyond scheduled time durations meant for each service. He impressed upon all the officers to monitor the pending files on daily basis so that those habitual of creating undue delays are

While taking review of winter preparedness the clearance during winters. He directed for replace- hope, the chief minister said. They believe that India

ment of damaged transformers in a period of 8 hours can bring hope to them, and behind this hope when the inter-State narco-module are connected with in urban areas and 24 hours in rural areas. He asked 140 crore Indians come together it becomes a strength Kupwara district. Kupwara's Amrohi is the favourite for increasing the vigil through enforcement teams to for the whole world, he said.

non-metered areas should be ensured besides taking measures for uninterrupted power supply to all the no evidence of drone-dropped narcotics have been smart metered habitations where AT&C losses are as per norms. He asked for running an IEC campaign in local and social media to make people aware about the benefits of timely deposition of their electricity bills. He told that people should be made aware that borrowing Rs 31000 Cr to pay for purchasing electricity is taking toll on other people-centric measures. He arrested key accused's father was also a drug dealer. made out that the UT people are intelligent enough to We have recovered Rs 5 Crore cash, 40 fake number understand and cooperate with the administration in

> The Chief Secretary also enjoined upon the concerned district administrations to take all the measures for ensuring vibrant winters here. He asked them that the roads to all the tourist places should be cleared of snow in a timely manner so that these remain open to public all the time. He also advised them to provide these places the power supply and other amenities without any undue disruptions in the winter months.

Later on the Chief Secretary also reviewed the preparations for upcoming Navratri festival. He directed the administration to take all the measures for smooth coming from across the LoC in Kashmir to support and conduct of this festival. He told them to provide the uninterrupted water, power supply to all the areas where this festival is celebrated by people. He called for taking cleanliness drives and other measures in the are likely to be made. He said that the cases of drone- areas where people assemble for the festivities for all the days of this festival.

J&K braces for 4-day...

On October 16, moderate rain and snowfall is expecteven though there is credible study or census, a prelimied in most areas while heavy showers in a few areas can't be ruled out, he said, adding that on October 17 while some areas might experience rain or snow showers until morning or afternoon, it is anticipated that the Western Disturbance will clear out on this day.

> "The Western Disturbance is expected to bring a significant decrease in daytime temperatures, neceson the same dates," he said.

Director MeT, Sonum Lotus in an advisory issued ahead of the wet spell, asked the farmers to postpone harvesting of crops from October 14-18.

He said that the wet spell may also disrupt transportation especially at vulnerable places like Zojilla, Mughal Road, Sinthan Top, Sadnatop and other areas temporarily–(KNO)

India's voice getting stronger...

said his government has taken decisions on issues pending for 30 to 40 years, like the women's reserva

Modi also spoke of India's successful Chandrayaan-3 mission saying, it reached that part of the moon where no other country could.

The strength of India is being acknowledged internationally and it was evident during the G20 summit held in Delhi, he said.

Addressing the people of Uttarakhand as "dear family members", Modi said he has personal bond and memory attached to every inch of the land.

Accusing the previous governments of ignoring the development of border areas, the prime minister said, "Development of border villages which we consider as Minister Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation of multiple development projects in Uttarakhand worth nearly Rs 4,200 crore. (Agencies)

Sanatan Dharma is...

based on Sanatan," he said. Sanatan never ends and present earlier, is present today and will be there in the future. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister V K Singh, Yoga guru Ramdev, Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda and his son and Rajya across the country were among those present at the

Referring to strife in some parts of the world, Adityanath said that "in the entire world, if there can be a guarantee of world peace that only can be Sanatan Dharma and India, and no one else".

This is the reason that when there is "sankat" (trou-Chief Secretary urged the Divisional Administration to ble) in the world, every country is looking towards India ensure quality power supply, ration and timely snow and towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi with great

Adityanath said that "we all know the Nath sampra-He made out that the scheduled 8-hour cut in day (sect) is the carrier of the country's Sanatan Dharma Santosh Sukhadeve wrote on X.

Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya, Adityanath said what was impossible, today Bharat has made that possible.

Those who had disbelief did not want to take the name of Ram Janambhoomi even by mistake. But those who had belief in Sanatan Dharma, they believed in doing is their job and leaving the rest to God, he said.

Earlier on Wednesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had unveiled a statue of Mahant Shri Chand Nath Yogi at the Baba Mastnath Math at Rohtak and also addressed a gathering. (Agencies)

Dr Jitendra Singh launches...

positioning data, the deregulation of Geospatial Sector and democratisation of Geospatial data has resulted in ease of access to these datasets to various user groups," he said.

In addition to the Geospatial sector, CORS based precision services will also boost auto navigation and machine control based solution in Agriculture, Mining, Construction, Transport and Civil Aviation sector. This will open new domains of innovation and research and create a Geospatial based ecosystem in these sectors.

CORS data will also aid in various scientific studies like Upper Atmosphere and Space weather studies, Meteorology and weather forecast, Plate motion and Tectonic studies, Seismology and Hydrology etc. Nationwide CORS based services will be available to business geospatial data generated by different stake holders by providing them common reference, but will also increase their productivity.

Government led by the visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is the impetus given to S&T and providing an enabling milieu for innovation.

"The Geospatial Guidelines of 2021 and National Geospatial Policy 2022 (NGP 2022) laid down a compre- 350 in serious condition, The Times of Israel reported sitating the use of warm clothing. Maximum daytime hensive plan for the transformation of the Geospatial citing Hebrew media reports. The fate of an estimated news agency, said that in the past 33 years, the ensuing temperatures in most parts of Kashmir are likely to stay sector in India. The sector is poised to play a strong 150 people abducted and taken to the Gaza Strip during year (2023) will be counted as the peaceful ever year in below 14°C on October 16 and 17. In Jammu region, a role in helping the country realize the dream of making the attack by Hamas is still unclear, the report said. and young population, consistent economic reforms and a burgeoning technology sector. Two main goals of National Geospatial Policy were to develop a coherent national framework and to enable easy availability of valuable Geospatial data collected utilizing public funds, to businesses and the general public," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in addition, the governance reforms initiated by PM Modi have ensured transparency, citizen centricity and zero tolerance for corruption."Conscious effort has been made to use S&T to develop every sector, to provide every household the Ease of Living," he said.

On the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the stakeholder conference for Ortho rectified Image(ORI) and Digital Elevation Model (DEM). He also felicitated winners of Geospatial hackathon, conducted by Survey of India in partnership with IIIT Hyderabad and Micro

Govt launches bidding...

Regulatory Board (PNGRB) offered eight geographical areas (GAs) under the 12th city gas distribution (CGD) bidding round for retailing of CNG to automobiles and piping the fuel to household kitchens and industries.

The GAs put out for bidding include Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Union territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Launching the bid round, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said after this round, gas will be taken to islands which are the only uncovered areas.

covering around 88 per cent of the country's geographical area and 98 per cent of its population. On successful completion, India's entire area and

and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. The country currently has 1.15 crore house kitch-

5,900 CNG stations in the country. City gas sector consumes about 35 million standard cubic meters per day or one-fourth of all gas consumed

ens connected with piped natural gas. There are some

In the last, 11th and 11A CGD bidding round, PNGRB authorised 67 GAs for the development of the CGD network in the country. (Agencies)

Demining operation...

in Ladakh.

in the country.

"On behalf of Phobrang, Yourgo, and Lukung villagers, we thank the Fire and Fury Corps for their swift action in fencing and clearing the area by successfully destroying over 175 mines", Deputy Commissioner, Leh,

He said this decisive step has positively addressed the Referring to the under-construction Ram temple in safety concerns of villagers, strengthening the strong civil-military bond in Ladakh.

"I want to thank the Indian Army for destroying these mines planted in 1962. It used to cause losses to us," the sarpanch of Phobrang said. (Agencies)

First chartered flight...

"Operation Ajay" was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring back around 18,000 Indians in Israel who wanted amidst the war between Hamas and Israel. Registration of Indians began on Thursday.

The Indian embassy in Israel is providing assistance to Indian companies and has set up a helpline for Indian citizens in need of assistance.

"A charter flight will reach Tel Aviv today later in the evening. It is expected to get 230 passengers onboard. We have all options, but the role of IAF (in evacuation) can't be ruled out: the MEA spokesperson said on 'Operation Aiav.'

Yesterday, the MEA had set up a 24-hour control room in view of the escalating conflict. The control room will help monitor the situation and provide information and assistance.

Earlier today, the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar chaired a meeting to review preparations for Operation Ajay".

Meanwhile, Israeli Defence Forces said that Hamas and pubic, which will not only ensure coherence in brought ISIS flags to Israel when they had infiltrated various parts of South Israel last weekend. In a post shared on X, Israeli Defence Forces stated,

"Hamas brought ISIS flags to massacre Israeli children, Dr Jitendra Singh said an important hallmark of the women and men. Hamas is a genocidal terrorist organization. Hamas is worse than ISIS." The death toll in Israel since the Hamas attack on

October 7 has jumped to 1,300 and some 3300 have been injured, including 28 in critical condition and

Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said the military has so far notified families of 97 hostages who were being held by terrorists in the Gaza Strip, The Times of Israel reported. (Agencies)

President visits Shri Mata...

Skywalk project at an elevation of 20 feet above the existing track which has been constructed in record 14 months time at a cost of Rs 15.69 crore with an aim to overcome the problem of multidirectional flow of yatra. The Skywalk is laced with most modernized facilities like the wooden flooring as a preventive measure for devotees' comfort in harsh weather conditions, a waiting hall, seating arrangements for about 150 pilgrims, LED screens, resting rooms and two emergency exits.

The pedestrian flyover (Skywalk) has an aesthetically designed entrance with an artistically embellished portray of Nav Durga to give an enriched experience for devotees. After its commencement, now entry and exit routes leading to the sanctum sanctorum have been separated to ensure systematic and smooth movement

Besides, the President inaugurated Remodeled Parvati Bhawan which included 1,500 digital lockers, waiting lounge, washrooms and toilets for the devotees. The aim of consolidating multiple facilities under one roof is to curtail the crisscross movement of devotees seeking locker facilities and bathing spaces in the Bhawan area and channelize the devotees towards the Skywalk. The retrofitted Parvati Bhawan is a free-of-cost facility that Currently, there are 300 authorised GAs by PNGRB shall able to facilitate around 10,000 pilgrims per day. The inaugural ceremonies commenced with hawan and pooja rituals.

The President complimented the efforts being initipopulation will be covered except Mizoram, Andaman ated by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board under the Chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha towards facilitating the journey and holy Darshans of the pilgrims.

> While on return, the President also visited the Bhairon Temple via Passenger Ropeway and paid obeisance.

> Meanwhile, the Lt Governor, who is also the Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board apprised the President about the initiatives being taken by the Shrine Board for upgrading and expansion of the infrastructure to facilitate pilgrims to the Holy Shrine. These initiatives are aimed at making the yatra more convenient and memorable for pilgrims which is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the Board.

DC Kupwara inaugurates Mega Ayush Medical Camp at Kralpora

KUPWARA, OCTOBER 12

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Thursday inaugurated Mega Ayush Health Awareness Medical camp at Govt. Ayush Dispensary, Kralpora (Kupwara) under Ayushman Bhava.

Mega Health camp witnessed massive response from Patients from Kralpora and its peripheral villages where hundreds of patients swarmed the camp to consult Ayush specialists.

This Ayush Camp was which, free registrations, free NCD screening, Counhealth department. seling, Yoga session for

is necessary to organize and get treated.



The DC laid emphasis

District Ayush Officer

Health camps to connect the general public with on ensuring screening of health services and to NCDS and taking it to the unique of its kind in educate them about the door step of every housebeneficial schemes of the hold.

She said, it should be Kupwara, Dr. Raja Amjad visitors, free general/spe- our endeavor that the Ali Khan apprised the DC cialized consultations, free benefits of the schemes that construction of Ayush Ayush therapies and free run by the government Dispensary at Kralpora medicines were provided reach the last beneficiary has been approved under to patients suffering from living in remote areas. She National Health Mission said that people should be and the work has been ten-Speaking on the occa- health conscious and get dered out with a project R&B Department under sion, the DC said that it their tests done in time cost of Rs. 30 lakhs, and ADF (PRIs) with a project

be constructed. The DC directed the

executing agency (R&B) to speed up the construction of Ayush Dispensary so that it is completed within stipulated time.

Ayushi also inspected various sections of the Ayush Dispensary and interacted with the patients and doctors and enquired about the facilities available for the patients.

DDC Member, Kralpora Adv. Masrat; District Ayush Officer Kupwara; BMO Kralpora; other Officers, doctors and Para Medical staff of Govt. Ayush Dispensary Kralpora were present on the occasion. The DC later visited the

Khargund village where she inspected work on under construction 15mtr. Span bridge at Khargund on Nallah Hud which is being constructed by Ayush Building, Yoga Hall, cost of Rs. 90 lakhs.

DC Doda asks for early completion of Multi-Storey Car parking

DODA OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, while inspecting the installation of the first lintel for the under-construction Multi-Storey Car Parking/ Bus Stand project in Doda today, urged the relevant department to expedite the completion of this important project.

The goal is to alleviate the frequent traffic jams and congestion in Doda town, providing relief to commuters. The construction work for this substantial project, valued at Rs 32 crores, is progressing swiftly and is expected to meet the set timeline, fulfilling the long-standing aspirations of the people of Doda.

The first phase, covering an area of approximately 5000 sq feet, saw the installation of a conby DC Doda, President relevant authorities to distimeline.

Municipal Council Doda cuss ways to accelerate PWD (R&B) RP Gupta,

Doda and other relevant to clear any unwanted by commencing work on structures near the con- Ghat road, Parmaaz road DC Doda directed the struction site that might and the proposed road authorities to ensure the impede the project, connectivity from Ganpat next phase of the lintel is Speaking to the media, bridge to Dessa road. completed before Diwali. DC Doda expressed con-He also conducted a com-fidence that the ongoing DC Doda encountered prehensive review of the work on this substantial a traffic situation and crete lintel today. The overall construction prog- project would be com- promptly issued direcceremony was attended ress and engaged with the pleted within the given tives to address incor-

Ved Prakash Gupta, SE the project's execution. announced that the dis-To ensure smooth prog-trict administration has Executive Engineer PWD ress, DC Doda instructed plans to alleviate traffic Division Doda, EO MC the executive officer congestion in the town

> Upon returning home, rectly parked vehicles.

Div Com for maintenance of roads, traffic regulation, operations of IMTS cameras



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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

To expedite development public property. of infrastructure and Kumar Bidhuri today con- functional. vened a meeting, here to review the progress of tification work at MA Road City Limited (SSCL) Proj- the meeting was informed ing and evening hours. ects and directly linked that 95 percent work has departments.

Srinagar; Commissioner completed in coming days. of footpaths and establish-SMC/CEO SSCL; VC LCMA; department were present finishing touch to Road.

in the meeting. Com emphasized on the officers to complete the He directed for keeping operation of all the IMTS works in Nehru Park Lake clean and starting cameras installed at 63 besides he also instructed the different Sports activijunctions at the earliest for increasing the turning ties to attract visitors and

fic flow and maintaining at Sangarmal. of strong vigil to detect

beautification of City, the informed that about 1100 tion of Toilet Blocks here. Divisional Commissioner cameras at 49 junctions Moreover, a detailed dis-(Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay out of 63 junctions are cussion was held regard-

Regarding ongoing rec-

The Div Com, impressed ment of Cycle Yard. SSP, Traffic Police, Sri- to expedite the work on nagar; CE, R&B; officers the Road as too much time making Dal Lake, Abdulof PDD, PHE, I&FC, Sports was consumed to give final lah Bridge and Budshah

At the outset, the Div again on the concerned tion and colorful lights. for the regulation of traf- radius of the left junction promote tourism.

Similarly, Div Com the mischief or damage of directed for development of the parking area at Hat-The meeting was Trick Chowk and compleing traffic management at Jahangir Chowk which witnesses frequent traffic various Srinagar Smart and other pending work, congestion during morn-

Also, he directed the been completed and the painting of Foreshore Deputy Commissioner remaining part shall be Road sides, maintenance

The Div Com called for Bridge vibrant during He reiterated once night through illumina-

JI NEWS SERVICE in Substance Addiction,

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu celebrated World Mental Health Day 2023 with an insightful and informative event designed to enhance knowledge, raise awareness and inspire actions that promote and safea universal human right. mental health. This event, organised by the Counseling Services Promotion" at the Jagti

The event was graced by the presence of distinguished speakers, of anxiety disorders. Prof Noam Shpancer and

guests captivated the audi- physical pain and the proence with their profound found impact of loneliness guard mental health as insights into the world of

a renowned professor of at IIT Jammu, featured a Psychology who received guest talk on "Suicide Pre- his PhD at Purdue Univervention and Mental Health sity, specialises in clinical research and developmental psychology, with a particular focus on the assessment and treatment

During his address, Dr. Ragul Ganesh, who Prof Shpancer emphashared their expertise sised three critical points: and perspectives on fos- the significance of mental tering resilient mental health, the equivalence Assistant Professor at standing of mental health health. The distinguished of psychological pain and AIIMS Jammu, is an expert issues.

on physical health, includ-Prof Noam Shpancer, function. He stressed the connection between mental disorders such as depression and anxiety and their consequences, highlighting that these mental to an individual's well-being but also result

IIT Jammu observes World Mental Health Day 2023

health conditions.

Smartphone Addiction, Subhasis Bhattacharjee, Neurotic and Psychotic Associate Dean of Stu-Disorders and Tele-Psychi- dent Advising, presented atry. In his engaging talk, a token of appreciation Dr. Ganesh encouraged to Prof Shpancer and Dr. the audience to become Ganesh in the form of a advocates for mental souvenir from IIT Jammu. health. He cited examples The proceedings of the of prominent figures, event were conducted by including Ben Stokes, Ms. Himanshi Singh, Insti-Glen Maxwell, Virat Kohli, Michael Phelps, JK Rowl- cal psychologist by proing decreased immune ing and Buzz Aldrin, who fession, setting a positive have openly discussed tone for the enlightening their mental health challenges. Dr. Ganesh emphasised the need to address unlock one's full potential issues are not only detriand prioritised the importance of valuing sleep.

Dr. Ragul Ganesh, an ther deepen their under-

During the event, Dr. tute Counselor and a clinidiscussions that followed.

IIT Jammu remains dedicated to fostering a mental health concerns to culture that recognises the significance of mental health and continues to provide resources and The event also featured support to its community in 12 billion lost days in the an interactive Q&A ses- in this endeavour. The USA and trillions of lost sion where attendees had institution firmly believes dollars linked to physical the opportunity to engage that good mental health is with the speakers and fur- not only a personal benefit but also a fundamental pillar in achieving individual and collective success.

DC Doda flags off 10-day residential trekking

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, inaugurated a 10-day residential trekking expedition for boys and girls in the age groups U-14 and U-17. This exciting expedition was organised by the District Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Department in Doda. The expedition's primary objecthe region. Experienced of young individuals. instructors will guide the

survival techniques. emony, DC Doda encour- expedition's success. for all involved.



aged the participants to He expressed his hope seize this opportunity and that this initiative would develop a spirit of adven- inspire more young tive is to foster a love for ture and teamwork. He people to actively engage adventure sports among emphasised the signifi- in sports and adventure the youth and offer them cance of physical fitness activities. The 10-day the chance to explore and outdoor activities in trekking expedition will the natural beauty of the holistic development encompass various scenic

necessary support and ises to be a memorable During the flag-off cer- resources to ensure the and enriching experience

locations in the district, DC Doda also assured offering the participants participants, teaching the participants that a chance to immerse them essential skills like the district administra- themselves in the natural navigation, camping and tion would extend all beauty of Doda. It prom-

under PMFME in Rajouri

DC approves 11 cases



RAJOURI, OCTOBER 12

and approving cases sub- purposes. mitted under the presti-

by the Central Govern- throughout the district. ment aims to provide With the approval of financial aid to bolster these 11 cases, the district the capabilities of micro administration has taken food processing enter- a monumental stride prises, supporting activi- towards fostering the ties such as infrastructure growth of the micro food development, technology processing sector, actively acquisition and marketing contributing to employassistance.

tion, Deputy Commission- of the district. er granted his approval to bursement of funds. He officers.

stressed the necessity for rigorous monitoring of the progress made by Deputy Commissioner, these enterprises, ensur-Vikas Kundal, presided ing that the allocated over a pivotal meeting funds are deployed judidedicated to reviewing ciously for their intended

The meeting concluded gious Prime Minister's with directives issued to Formalisation of Micro officers to work closely in Food Processing Enter- tandem, aiming for the prises (PMFME) scheme. seamless implementation This flagship initiative of the PMFME scheme ment opportunities and After careful delibera- the overall development

The meeting was a total of 11 cases, paving attended by the Chief the way for beneficiaries Planning Officer, Mohamto access financial sup- mad Khurshid; GM DIC, port under this laudable Ashwini Sharma; Chief initiative. He empha- Agriculture Officer, Sohan sised the importance of Singh; Chief Horticulture equipping beneficiaries Officer, Madan Lal Tak; with comprehensive Chief Animal Husbandry information and unwav- Officer, Dr. Khalid Husering support related sain; Lead District Managto the PMFME scheme, er, Sanjeev Bhasin, alongincluding the swift dis-side other concerned

DC Poonch reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission in district

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POONCH, OCTOBER 12

District Development updated the chair on the Commissioner, Yasin current status of the JJM M. Choudhary chaired scheme's implementation a meeting to review the in the district. progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

of the mission is to ensure Jeevan Mission scheme access to potable drinking with the assistance of water for every household the Assistant Executive

on the "Har Ghar Jal with Nal" initiative. The SE Hydraulic Circle Poonch

The Deputy Commissioner personally assessed The primary objective the progress of the Jal



Engineers, Assistant Engi- took stock of the work sion took place, focusing Deputy Commissioner panchayat of the district. towards achieving the officers to bring in notice concerned contractors.

The Deputy Commis-

household) by the end of of the contractors respon-December. Furthermore, sible for the delay. the DC urged all AEEs, AEs and JEs to expedite the meeting was to ensure the execution of the DJJM proj-timely and efficient execuects throughout the dis- tion of the JJM projects in trict. The DC warned that Poonch, aligning with the contractors not adhering vision of the "Har Ghar Jal to timelines will be black- with Nal" initiative. The listed and strict action meeting was attended will be taken against the by SE Hydraulic Circle officers or engineers who Poonch, Executive Engi-During the meeting, a neers, Junior Engineers carried out under the Jal sioner directed the Exec- are found showing callous- neer (PHE), AEEs, AES, JEs comprehensive discus- and other officers. The Jeevan Mission in each utive Engineers to strive ness. He also exhorted the of PHE and AEE PDD and

target of providing "Har the reasons for delay of Ghar Jal" (water in every any work and the details The focus of this review

EDITORIAL

Israel-Palestinian war needs immediate end

he ongoing war between Hamas militant group and Israel has virtually turned into a full-fledged war with the latter resolving to wipe Hamas 'Off the Face of the Earth'. The stunning incursion of Hamas militant group into Israel forced a fierce retaliation from Tel Aviv, which was for once caught off guard despite its much-envied intelligence and counter-terror network. The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has announced his security cabinet's decision to destroy Hamas' 'ability to govern in a way that posed a threat to Israeli civilians', while military spokesperson Jonathan Conricus has stated that one of Israel's goals is to remove the militant group from power in the Gaza Strip, which is now under siege. Amid this war, the role of India has come under the scanner of the world leaders. India, though having extended full support to Israel, has termed the Hamas assault on Israel as a terrorist attack but called for direct negotiations to move towards a lasting solution of establishing a sovereign, independent and viable state of Palestine living within secure and recognised borders, side by side with Israel. The Indian position of a two-state solution is in line with its long standing and consistent position. The Indians stranded in Israel is also a cause of concern for the ruling dispensation at the Centre which has started 'Operation Ajay' to rescue them. The first chartered flight to evacuate about 200 Indians under "Operation Ajay" has landed in Israel and would leave for India shortly. Meanwhile, Hamas has declared that it wants to liberate all Palestinian prisoners from Israel and end Israeli provocations in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem, particularly at Al-Aqsa mosque. The mosque compound, a perennial flashpoint in Jerusalem, had witnessed clashes between Palestinians and the Israeli police in April this year. The US-led West, like India, have condemned the 'terror attack' but the Arab world has maintained a guarded response. Iran's pronouncement that it would 'stand by the Palestinian fighters until the liberation of Palestine and Jerusalem' has led to intense speculation about its role in the audacious assault. The escalation of hostilities is not good news for West Asia and the world at large, which is already reeling under the upheaval caused by the Russia-Ukraine war. Israel, which is not known for losing sleep over the international reaction to its high-handedness, is going about its task in a typically ruthless manner. The Palestinians fight for liberation might be genuine but it was wrong on the part of Hamas to launch a terror attack. Israel has kept the conflict alive all these decades with its continued occupation of Palestinian territories. In the nutshell, India needs to tread on the path of caution keeping in view the global sensitivities involved in it. It should impress upon Israel to normalize the situation and persuade it to play a role of leader to reduce hostilities which is good for the larger interests of humanity.

Israel-Hamas war: What happens to IMEC now?

GULSHAN SACHDEVA

The Hamas-Israel war and shifting geopolitical dynamics in West Asia could potentially cast a Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel much-discussed India-Mid- nomics of the IMEC route dle-East-Europe Economic compared to the tested Corridor (IMEC). The IMEC was announced on the sidelines of the G20 Summit just a month ago. United States President Joe Biden called it a "real big deal". The European Commission President labelled it as the our generation".

proposition looked attractive. Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that the IMEC "is going to become the basis of world trade for hundreds of years to come, and history will always remember that this corri-

The proposed multi-

modal corridor will link India to Europe through the United Arab Emirates, significant shadow over the and Greece. While the eco-Suez Canal route is still not clear, it made a lot of geopolitical sense to most observers.

Currently, the IMEC

seems to be off-track even

before the intricate land. sea and railroad corridor "most ambitious project of details have been fully developed. The Israel-Pal-Given India's robust estine conflict is going to economic ties with both impact the broader process Europe and West Asia, the of normalisation between Israel and many Arab states. While the US-led IMEC initiative is based on the new dynamics in the region, the Hamas-Israel war has rekindled the relevance of

was more in line with a US design rather than a connectivity strategy originating from New Delhi. So far, the US has not committed any funding for the project. The idea has been to mobilise funding from the partners, private sector and multilateral organisations. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar called the US a "guarantor partner of the project". The US was trying to build upon the successes of the Abraham Accords of 2020, India-Israel-UAE-US (I2U2) grouping and reconciliation efforts between Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Although many analysts clubbed the IMEC with the Delhi G20 Summit outcomes, it is actually an outcome of the G7 initiative called Partnership for Global Infrastructure traditional regional politics. and Investment (PGII), participating in the BRI. The inclusion of 'Middle announced in the United China has also established

being aligned with the EU's Global Gateway Strategy as well as other Western initiatives viz Build Back Better World (B3W) and Blue Dot Network. Without waiting in which India is participatfor the IMEC details, many ing. Incidentally, the New enthusiastic analysts have Silk Road (NSR) strategy declared it as a counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Both these initiatives have different logics ary Clinton in 2011. The and timelines. The BRI is now 10 years old. Close to and energy corridors link-100 countries will be paring South and Central Asian ticipating in the third BRI Forum in China later this month. Chinese officials serious money behind the claim that they have already NSR, India wholeheartedly established 3,000 projects embraced the narrative and galvanised \$1 trillion investments. Moreover, from Afghanistan. Now many of the IMEC part- China and the Taliban have ners are not looking at it as an alternative to the BRI. Some of them are already

ridor suggested that this launched in Germany Greece (2006), Jordan yet to unveil a comprehenin 2022. The PGII is also (2015), the UAE (2018) and sive connectivity strategy. Saudi Arabia (2022). Riyadh and Abu Dhabi are also now

members of the BRICS. US led connectivity project project was also announced on Indian soil by the then US Secretary of State Hillidea was to develop trade economies via Afghanistan. While US never put any until the US' withdrawal agreed to link Afghanistan

Despite the current phase of globalisation being significantly shaped by condor was initiated on Indian East' in naming the cor- Kingdom in 2021 and strategic partnerships with nectivity designs, India has

Over the years, the International North-South Trade Corridor (INSTC) initiated The IMEC is the second by India, Iran and Russia was considered a key component of India's connectivity strategy. Additionally, joint initiatives like the India-Japan Asia-Africa Growth Corridor and the India-EU connectivity partnership were announced. However, to date, none of these projects have really taken off. The IMEC holds promise, primarily owing to existing trade volumes, but it must contend with West Asian politics, and demonstrate a clear cost and time advantage over the Suez Canal and the INSTC routes.

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RTI Act: Time to make it more effective

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years of its implementation did wonders not only CMD of another promiby exposing scams and nent private sector Bank scandals but also resulted is under arrest for serious in systemic reforms. However, RTI rules (and not the RTI Act) need important Bank. Inspection Reports modifications mainly to of private banks revealed prevent misuse of the Act under the RTI Act by the and minimise challenge to CIC verdicts in courts. Precious time of Infor-

mation Commissions and courts should be saved through a notificagovernment to declare all public-private partnerships, sports-bodies, cooperative societies and other such bodies, and at subsidised rates on precondition of beneficiaries section 2(h) of RTI Act. coming under the purview of the RTI Act.

participation of public and state governments money in private sector to draft their own rules banks, all private sector which include fixing RTI banks must be under the fees and mode of paypurview of the RTI Act. ment of RTI fees. Several Already all employees Competent Authorities

TI Act implemented on 12th October
2005 in the initial

TI Act implementtions on the withdrawal of money for some time on a prominent private sector bank. The former charges of misappropriation of public money in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reveal gross misuse of public money by top management.

Another private sector bank is renowned for a tion issued by the central large number of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs). Heavy fluctuation in share prices of certain private sector banks tends to doubt the safety of public public authorities under money in private sector the RTI Act. Land and banks. Deposit Insurance Building Departments of and Credit Guarantee central and state govern- Corporation (a subsidments should study all iary of RBI) has to pay cases of allotment of land a maximum rupees five names of their workers or government accommolakhs from state funds of the BPL category to get dations at subsidised rates to each depositor of the copying charges in thouor leases, and declare all bank including those in sands of rupees waived these as public authori- the private sector which off, persons under the BPL tral public authorities public authorities should it would occupy the entire ties under the RTI Act. collapses due to massive category may be required should be accepted at be mandatorily for all legislative field. DRTI Act For the future, land or irregularities, which is to pay copying charges for about 1,60,000 post offic-states. This has become has lost all with the implegovernment accommoda- public funding to declare copied pages exceeding es rather than just about necessary for states mentation of the RTI Act tions should be provided private sector banks as twenty. "public-authorities" under

Considering the vast to Competent Authorities

according to the Bank- as high as rupees 500. Sev- orders towards RTI pay- attached with every RTI RTI Act regarding holding ing Regulation Act. RBI eral states fixed RTI fees ments to be in the name of application, First Appeal paid two-day workshops for filing First Appeals. However, the Supreme Court in its verdict dated 20.03.2018 imposed a capping of rupees fifty to be the maximum RTI fee.

India should be governed by the principle "One Nation-One Rule" concerning RTI fees and its mode of payment by clubbing copying charges of the first twenty copied pages with basic RTI fees of rupees ten (for central public authorities) thus making Rupees Fifty as uniform RTI-fees throughout the country inclusive of charges of first twenty copied pages. Making basic RTI fees at rupees fifty will largely prevent misuse of the RTI Act. There must not be any fees for filing First or Second Appeals. To prevent big contractors and others from misusing the provision by filing RTI applications under the

Sections 27 and 28 of rupees ten costs the received at the post office. when it is compulsory legislated by individual the RTI Act give power postal-department about rupees fifty with the cost public authority and bank postal-orders under different names even though

of licence fees of radios and TV sets) in denominations of rupees 2, 10 and 50 which will save crores of rupees annually to pubpostal-orders as a mode a petitioner approached of payment of RTI fees. These RTI stamps should at all post offices and coundid not exist. Online porand other convenient sale points. This will tackle a so that RTI-responses and situation where public orders of First Appellate authorities like the Nation- Authorities may also be al Green Tribunal (NGT) est post office at Baroda viewing of RTI-responses. selling postal orders thus emailing RTI responses putting RTI applicants in should also be there. big difficulty.

circular in tune with para filled RTI application, came into existence must of handling orders by a 23 of the verdict dated and then send it by post 02.11.2012 by Punjab & to the concerned departclearing even extra. Most Haryana High Court in ment. Some organisation public authorities require the matter "Fruit and named Institute-Of-Public-Vegetable Union versus Administration (IPA) has Unknown" (CWP 4787 of been sending letters to all up to the highest post of and states misused their DoPT in its various circu- 2011) which requires ID public authorities coming CMD are public servants power by having RTI fees lars has required postal proof compulsory to be under the purview of the

To overcome the situation, Information Commissions. the tune of rupees 20000 frequent CIC verdicts and Already the aspect has for local public authori-CIC should be accepted by apart from Punjab and for participants with a cations through a post-

Police inquiry consome Indian missions Commission with a name tions should be modified auto-emailed rather than

Websites designed by Post-free RTI applica- the National Informatics override the Delhi Right To tions addressed to cen- Centre (NIC) for central Information Act, 2001 as 4,500 post offices present- like Odisha which has 2005. Very few applica-Handling the cost of ly. This post bag can carry made online filing of RTI tions are filed under the a postal order of value post-free RTI applications applications a mockery DRTI Act. All such acts DoPT should issue a to download an online- states, before RTI Act 2005

the Accounts Officer only. and petitions filed with on charging heavily to administrative requests of been adopted in Odisha ties and rupees 40000 the department to issue Haryana. Those who do spouse. The drafting of special RTI stamps (like not want to disclose their invitation letters looks like earlier stamps for payment identity can file RTI appli- that of some governmentauthorised body like the Indian-Institute-Of-Public-Administration (IIPA). ducted at the behest of Many public authorities confuse the letter as if lic-exchequers in using abroad established that sent from a governmentauthorised sending parthe Central Information ticipants to attend an RTI workshop at the cost of be conveniently available and address both of which the public exchequer. IIPA should take cognisance ters of public authorities tals for filing RTI applica- of the matter to prevent such tactics from minting money by private bodies. Delhi High Court in its

order dated 08.08.2018 in WPC 8278 of 2018 in the refuse acceptance of RTI RTI-applicants required matter "Anil Dutt Sharma fees in cash with the near- to search the portal for versus Government of NCT Delhi and others" House (New Delhi) not SMS and email alerts about mentioned that this Court is of the prima facie view that the Right-To-Information Act, 2005 would now be repealed.

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Hamas-Israel war: Why is the truth so tight-lipped?

celebrations by "people", proper British newspaper put it. What is happening in the unseen confines of ing crisis, Pakistan and Muslim drawing rooms is an easy guess. Why such misplaced, unbecoming and the Palestinian cause, celebrations of barbarism with the Iranian President, by educated, intelligent, Ebrahim Raisi, even conprosperous individuals gratulating Hamas leader, and groups, instead of the Ismail Haniyeh, on the expected, even warranted, attack's initial success. revulsion and criticism? Given the large scale of Let us turn to the past for light on this.

of 1973, almost the entire that it has funds, weap-Muslim world had come onry, and defence advitogether in support of the sors from some Muslim

rowds of jubilant and tanks, and Saudi in determining the motiva-Muslims across the Arabia and Libya sent ■ globe celebrated as light armoured battalions. the Hamas horror unfold- Smaller Islamic countries ed. Even in cosmopolitan, like Kuwait, Morocco, multi-ethnic London, Tunisia, Lebanon and the Metropolitan Police Sudan also contributed received reports of street arms or soldiers. Israel was fighting not one counas one politically prim and try but the entire Muslim Ummah. Even now in the ongo-

Iran have come out strongly in support of Hamas Hamas attacks and the well-coordinated military In the Yom Kippur War planning, it is quite likely

tions of its sponsors. The other day, Meh-

booba Mufti, an outspoken government's support balised, multi-ethnic, and sympathizer of Islamist for Israel. No other past civilized. For that happy terrorism in Kashmir, remarked with a satisfied smirk, that the shoe pinches when on the other foot. Hyderabad's Owaisi too voiced his support for Hamas. Most other Muslim political figures in India have kept a conspiratorial silence on the outrageous actions of Hamas and Hezbollah, betraying their underlying sympathy for the terrorists as well as their guilt over it. Pan-Islamism is at work here, overriding all logical and ethical considerations.

Even predominantly non-Muslim political par-

the Hamas attack and his Indian Prime Minister

could have done this. should determine the the distortions of religion Muslim groups involved political attitudes of some an insult to human intel- the unvarnished truth be Islamic passions, those in ligence. One would expect obscured in humanity's humanity to have left such impassioned mediaeval bigotry far behind; sadly, that does not hold good for some of us. It repudiates the notion of evolusociety if innocent lives are Hamas a terror organisataken by religion-driven hate and this becomes a cause of celebration.

ties in India have been to put humanity back on reticent and ambivalent the track of pluralism and the harsh realities of our for fear of alienating the peace? For that to happen, world to appear neutral. surprise attack on Israel by nations. The barbarism of large, community-com- religion has to retreat It is downright timid for Egypt and Syria. Pakistani Hamas is religion-driven, mitted Muslim vote-bank. to the temple, mosque, the BBC to do so to avoid pilots flew Syrian aircraft reminiscent of medieval In refreshing contrast, church or synagogue, and upsetting British Muslims.

politics, commerce, and assurance of the Indian ideology that is today glostate of affairs to come community", "a particuof us in the 21st century is interests. We must not let discourse, even at the risk appease them for votes. of appearing unfashionably impolitic.

diffident today and fanaticism is strident. The BBC ing articles that portray tion and growth of human refrains from calling the uncamouflaged reality. tion; it prefers instead the ity is to wipe away the less obnoxious expression accumulated scars from its "militant group". There fair face, the incorrigible, What needs to be done has to be a limit to this bullying fanatics must be penchant for softening

in raids on Israel, Algeria crusades, and morality Indian PM Narendra Modi to our homes and person- One cannot help wonderprovided fighter aircraft does not come anywhere has been quick and clear al spaces, away from the ing, with all this talk of in his condemnation of temporal, public world of paid fake news doing the rounds, whether filthy lucre is behind such patent hypocrisy.

Scribes prefer "one about, we must call out lar group", and other such That religious bigotry the mediaeval bigotry, euphemisms to refer to and its misuse by vested in violence. Politicians in Islamic countries inflame secular countries like India

> In our interactions, we avoid frank inter-religious Inexplicably, truth is discussions. The press shies away from publish-This will not do. If humancalled out.

> > (The writer is a columnist, views are personal)

More than one in six arthritis patients are women, say doctors

NEW DELHI, OCT 12

More than 60 per cent or one in six of all arthritis patients are women, said doctors on Thursday on the occasion of World Arthritis Day.

Arthritis is a condition that affects millions of women even in their 20s developing arthritis.

They experience severe This pain can be so severe increasing. that it affects their quality

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A low-carb, anti-inflam-

from long Covid, suggests

hope for people suffering tion.



people worldwide, and is Rheumatoid arthritis, development or worsenmore common in women inflammatory arthritis in ing of arthritis symptoms than in men. One in three the younger generation is in women. women over 60 years in quite common now. More India has arthritis. Young than 60 per cent of such present in higher levels patients, visiting the OPD, in women, can contribute and 30s are at high risk of are usually women," Dr to joint inflammation and Dhananjay Parab, Ortho- increase the risk of devel-Young women living pedic and Knee Replace- oping arthritis," Parab with arthritis often face ment Surgeon, Zynova said. immense challenges. Shalby Hospital, told IANS.

or even holding a pen. arthritis among women is young women, he said.

across all age groups. could contribute to the their mental health. Early the doctor said.

play a role in easing this

matory diet may spur often debilitating condi- ine the anti-inflammatory

an Indian-origin research- revolves around recent glucose (sugar) levels in

debilitating illness that by a hyper-inflammatory ketone levels. Ketones,

occurs in at least 10 per response that becomes including beta-hydroxy-

cent of patients after a activated during Covid-19 butyrate, the active

Covid-19 infection and as the body fights off the ketone in this food, are

includes fatigue, brain virus but, in some people, chemicals the body pro-

fog, headaches, chest does not recede even after duces to provide energy

pain, and heart palpita- the infection has passed. when the body is low

ers from the University effectively minimise or half will receive a 30-day

Long Covid is an often long Covid may be caused

"Oestrogen, which is

In addition to genetic Importantly, the doctor factors, lifestyle factors pain and stiffness in their said seven out of 10 knee such as obesity and sedenjoints, making it difficult to replacement patients are tary behaviour can exacercarry out everyday activialso women. This shows bate symptoms and lead to ties like walking, standing, that the problem of earlier onset of arthritis in

"The impact of arthritis The reasons behind on young women should of life, limiting their abil- the higher prevalence not be underestimated; it ity to work, socialise, and of arthritis in women goes far beyond the physiare still not completely cal pain alone. Many young "A large number of understood, but research- women face challenges young women tend to ers believe that a combina- while doing daily activities experience severe pain tion of genetic, hormonal, or starting families due to due to arthritis. While and environmental fac- this debilitating condiit is commonly thought tors may play a role. Hortion. These limitations symptoms persist, it is cruof as an old person's dis- monal changes, such as not only affect their perease, arthritis affects those that occur during sonal lives but also have more women than men pregnancy or menopause, long-term implications for

trial, proposed to inves- trial and medical direc- ers will determine how

The study will exam-

effect of a low-carbohy-

cal food that raises blood

High inflammation on carbohydrates and tify effective treatments

"We are examining if reduced inflammation trial, Nuria Pastor-Soler,

the body's inflammatory ers plan to enrol 50 long of medicine at the Keck

Will a low-carb, anti-inflammatory diet alleviate long Covid?

tigate if a diet designed to tor of the Keck Medicine

The premise of the trial drate diet to lower blood

research indicating that combination with a medi-

To date, there is no levels in the body can sugars. A low-carb diet to improve patients' qual-

proven treatment for lead to organ damage and and ketones have both ity of life," said principal

the syndrome, even the other health problems. been associated with investigator of the clinical

that cause it are not fully food choice can quiet in the body. Research- an associate professor

of Southern California's curtail long Covid symp- dietary intervention and trial will hopefully move

Keck School of Medicine toms," said Adupa Rao, an half will not. At the end us closer to potential solu-

A team of research- response and in doing so, Covid patients, of which School.

have, in a new clinical investigator of the clinical of the month, research-tions."

lower inflammation may Covid Recovery Clinic.

intervention and lifestyle modifications inclusive of a well-balanced diet, exercise, and stress-management techniques such as yoga and meditation can help to manage symptoms while minimizing longterm damage to joints,' Dr Parab said.

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have risks.

in The Lancet.

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for treating hypertension

or blood pressure called

amlodipine is not dangerous for patients, a new

research that included

an Indian-origin scientist

has shown, despite recent

ers and clinicians that

taking amlodipine may

adults aged 30-79 years

last 30 years, according

to a recent global analysis

A key factor to address in managing arthritis in women is early diagnosis and treatment, the doc-"Recognising the symp-

toms and seeking medical advice as soon as possible can make a significant difference in managing the condition and improving the quality of life. Effective treatments, including medications, physical therapy, and lifestyle changes, can help women with arthritis lead fulfilling lives despite the challenges they face," Dr Jeet Savla, Orthopedic Surgeon, Apollo Spectra Mumbai, said. It's essential for women to be aware of the signs of arthritis, which may include joint pain, swelling, stiffness, and difficulty moving. If these cial to consult a healthcare professional for a proper

patients tolerated the

regimen as well as com-

pare inflammatory mark-

ers and long Covid symp-

toms between the two

groups of patients. If the

nutritional intervention is

tolerated well by patients

and improves their health

issues, researchers plan to

expand the clinical trial to

vital to expand our under-

standing of long Covid

and ultimately help iden-

"Research like ours is

"The results of this

a larger population.

NEW YORK, OCT 12 The debilitating effects of

may be undercounted and misdiagnosed due to lack of well-designed longitudinal studies as well as kids' inability to report symptoms properly, according to experts.

patients after a Covid-19 heart palpitations.

less impact among children, some had serious illness due to the infectious

According to experts, research on long Covid infection. in children is limited, and reported prevalenc- review by the US CDC reported.

"I think it's largely as a result, a lot of things recognise or have the often report, Putrino said lights," he said.

A widely-prescribed drug amlodipine drug is safe for use to treat hyperten-"Removal of amlodip-

Common BP drug amlodipine safe for

use, says Indian-origin researcher

ine as a front-line therapy would most likely increase deaths from hypertension the benefit of amlodipine the drug to mimic the caldramatically," said Anant for treating hypertension. cium channel activation, concerns from research- Parekh, chief of the signal The number of Carolina in the US.

"The study recomwith hypertension has mends that amlodipine failure in patients. increased from 650 mil- remain a first-line treatlion to 1.28 billion in the ment for high blood pressure," Parekh added.

of trends in hypertension prevalence led by Impethat is found on blood tension is such a common that amlodipine was not rial College London and vessels. When the cal- health condition. WHO that was published cium channel opens, calcium enters the muscle teams from National diovascular problems, the A new paper in the and causes it to constrict, Institutes of Health and study noted.

journal Function, pub- increasing blood pres- Glasgow University found lished by Oxford Univer- sure.

sity Press, has found that Amlodipine prevents calcium from coming in, increase in heart failure leading to vessel relaxation and a decrease in blood pressure.

Recently

transduction laboratory at amlodipine may activate ing the channels as clini-The National Institutes of a different type of calcicians worried. When the Health Research in North um channel, resulting in study's authors controlled Removing amlodip-

ine as a prescribed anti-

that taking amlodipine is unlikely to result in an

The researchers found that amlodipine appears some to have unique chemical researchers questioned properties that caused Studies suggested that without, in fact, openchanges to blood vessels for these chemical propand an increase in heart erties, they found that amlodipine did not activate calcium channels.

A meta-analysis comhypertensive medication bining clinical trials and Amlodipine inhibits a carries significant health a prospective real-world type of calcium channel implications, since hyper- analysis both showed associated with increased The study by research heart failure or other car-

Long Covid may be undercounted, misdiagnosed in children, say experts

long Covid among children

Long Covid is an often debilitating illness that at least 10 per cent of infection and includes fatigue, brain fog, headaches, chest pain, and

While Covid has had

reportedly occurs in are missed," David Putri- vocabulary to report their

no, director of rehabilitasymptoms. tion innovation for the Mount Sinai Health System in New York, was quoted as saying to CIDRAP News.

review of 31 studies published in Pediatrics journal involving 15,000 children concluded that 16 per cent

Another systematic later," he noted. cent had it in 2022.

because we're trying to many children likely aren't unlike the fatigue, brain particulate air) filters in apply adult framework to diagnosed as having long fog, and post-exertional classrooms, it's really paediatric problems, and Covid because they don't malaise that adults most easy to use UV (ultraviolet)

"Kids don't come home and say, 'Mom, I have postbrain fog'," Ziyad Al-Aly, In July, a systematic clinical epidemiologist at dren's viral loads and anti-St. Louis was quoted as said. saying to CIDRAP News.

of children had persistent they start doing poorly tudinal studies where we symptoms 3 months after in school, and parents really take the time to find out weeks and weeks

Further, the experts diatric population". es range widely, from found that 1.3 per cent of noted that many longless than 1 per cent to 70 US children ever had long Covid symptoms are urged "infection prevenper cent, CIDRAP News Covid and that 0.5 per subtle and can be misat- tion". "It's really easy to tributed to other condictean air, it's really easy to The experts said that tions, such as anxiety. And put HEPA (high-efficiency

the most common presentation of long Covid in children seen is recurrent stomach aches, the report

"Often, it's not initially thought of as long Covid," he said. "It's just 3 months after a Covid infection, your child's complaining of a tummy ache."

So far the studies done on long Covid in children have been limited by small sample size, reliance on parental survey rather than interviews, lack of controls, short duration, exertional malaise, I have poor design, and false assumptions about chil-Washington University in body responses, experts

Putrino called for the "What happens is that need of "detailed longicharacterise what long Covid looks like in a pae-

In the meantime, he

India account for 22-39% of global arthritis cases, doctors lay out strategies to counter disease

HYDERABAD, OCT 11

to attack its own tissues treatments. These include numbers. in the joints. Every year, biologics and immunosupaction on improving life- also deepened the knowl- disease in India. Although styles affected due to this edge of medical research- arthritis occurs in the older year is "It's in your hands, genetic factors that cause of age, this disease is also take action", designed to arthritis. inspire individuals with joint health.

year-long campaign, this tis, common treatments type of arthritis is different means if there is the right day holds significance as it are joint surgery, ultra- and patients would require treatment at the right aims to increase awareness sound, and joint injections. different medications." about arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions.

efforts to improve health- abad: "The symptoms of term and has two types. care services, early diagno- arthritis commonly include sis and find proper treat-swelling, pain, reduced inflammation like rheuma-

ment for the disease.

arthritis, along with care- of arthritis can be managed rheumatoid arthritis can an advanced treatment to ing and following a routine givers and families to help by painkillers, non-steroi- be seen in children aged 5. help joints get better, the are some preventive care realize their responsibility dal inflammatory drugs When people experience treatment should be done methods to stop the attack towards protecting their and anti-rheumatic drugs. symptoms of arthritis, they within 6 months of diag-

According to Dr. Kishore Doctors say it is crucial ness which is caused in and lupus which is degento have the right health- legs, hands, lower back, erative.

care facilities that enable hips and knees. This can patients to have regular occur to older as well thritis, which is a common last a few days and go check-ups and increase as younger populations. type of arthritis affecting away on its own. Whereas or more joints that wors- this condition. In the of the population in India, ens with age, arthritis is 21st century there are as i.e, 210 million, contribut-

experienced by people

Dr S.V.L. Narasimha B Reddy, HOD - Orthope- Reddy, Consultant Ortho-World Arthritis Day dics & Orthopedics Oncol- pedic Surgeon, SLG Hospiencourages advocacy ogy, Amor Hospital, Hyder- tal says arthritis is a broad

The first one relates to

the world.

a musculoskeletal condi- many options available ing to 22 per cent- 39 per experience morning stiff- arthritis. "Autoimmune distion that causes the body for targeted and effective cent share to the global ness, which means their eases are usually caused hands don't work imme-"Osteoarthritis is the diately. People also expe- attacks healthy cells, tis-World Arthritis Day is cel- pressive drugs, further second most common rience swelling in their sues. In such cases, osteoebrated on October 12 to advancements in genetics rheumatologic problem mouth, hair loss, rashes on arthritis remains stable for encourage people to take and genomics, which have and it is the frequent joint their face due to the sun. years while others spread They experience dryness in rapidly and destroy the the mouth and eyes as well. cartilage in the space of a disease. The theme of this ers who understand the population above 50 years It is advised to not overuse few months. Staying at a pills. There are biological injections now being your blood sugar, exercise, In India, the symptoms in their 30s. Sometimes, used for arthritis, this is stretching, avoiding smok-For patients who are in need to get their diagnosis nosis. Arthritis is also a Celebrated following a advanced stages of arthrisoson as treatment for each reversible disease, which time." Dr. Sujit K. Kaparthy, Consultant - Orthopaedics, Century Hospital, said: "If a patient has been recently diagnosed with additives can increase the arthritis, they may not be sure if it spreads to other

The second is osteoar- mild flare of arthritis may A swelling caused in one their awareness about Arthritis affects 15 per cent millions of people around a severe flare of arthritis can last longer, it is also "Some people even the first sign of rheumatoid when the body mistakenly healthy weight, controlling of arthritis."

Lifestyle factors such as food contribute to inflammation and increase the symptoms of arthritis in the human body.

Consumption of sweets, dairy, fatty foods, carbohydrates, gluten, and symptoms of arthritis.

With a personalised body parts. Arthritis can treatment plan, arthritis range of motion and stiff- toid arthritis, spondylitis spread to other body parts can be properly diagnosed and become worse, spread- and one can prevent pering from affected areas. A manent joint pain.

Video games during brain surgery to open new treatments for Parkinson's

AGENCIES

NEW YORK, OCT 12

US researchers are launching a new five-year project on patients playing video games during brain surgery to better understand how the brain regulates movement in people with Parkinson's.

The project, with a \$5 million grant from the US National Institutes of ping a movement, freezing, Health, aims to develop or having trouble initiating more individualised treat- a new action. ments for patients with Alzheimer's.

stand how our brain motivation. controls the actions we perform, how we make California-Riverside.

movements, difficulty stop- disorder as well as Parkin- ment in real time.



As the disease progresssible for feelings of plea-"We will try to under- sure which in turn fuel

peting goals, how we dopamine. When L-Dopa their foot on the brakes." stop moving, and how or similar medications Vasileios Christopoulos, stimulation is often a lastassistant professor of bio- ditch treatment. Electrodes implanted. engineering at University of are implanted to stimulate

"When a bus is coming and you want to stop crossing the street, the STN is Parkinson's – the second es, dopamine-producing involved. It's the brake you most common neurode- cells die. Dopamine is a have in your brain when generative disease after neurotransmitter, respon- you want to stop what you're doing," Christopoulos said.

"In Parkinson's, we A first step in treat- know this area is hyperacment is often L-Dopa, a tive. For them, every action decisions between com- drug meant to replace lost is like driving a car with

For the project, around we switch actions," said stop working, deep-brain 200 patients will be awake while the electrodes are

They will play a video an area of the brain called game with a joystick, The brain network asso- the subthalamic nucleus before, during and after ciated with action regula- or STN, which is involved surgery, allowing the tion is disrupted with Par- with Tourette's syndrome research team to see the kinson's, causing slower and obsessive-compulsive effectiveness of the treatJI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 12

"The so-called all party Dharna was a flop show. There was no participation by all the parties in this Dharna and the leaders like Farooq, Mehbooba remained absent in the Dharna. The reason may be that the Dharna was organized at Maharaja Hari Singh ji Park, as the the great Dogra ruler; Jammu & Kashmir includ- ding crocodile tears!" they opted to remain ing the areas that are now

said Sham Lal Sharma. that ousted the Maharaja



Round Table Conference for years together. They Jammu,.

Kashmir centric political held in London. Maha- murdered democracy at parties still do not respect raja joined the whole of every step and now shed-

BJP Vice-President & away from this venue", under illegal occupation former Minister Sham Lal of Pakistan and China due Sharma, alongwith Vice-It reflects their mindset, to these political parties. President & former Mayor Sham Sharma further Chander Mohan Gupta, from J&K has not changed questioned, "What kind Secretary Vikas Choudduring all these years. of Democracy these par- hary and Swachh Bharat The Maharaja who was ties had been advocat- Abhiyaan Incharge Dil a great reformer, vision- ing? Fact is that they Bahadur Singh Jamwal, ary, a revolutionary and never allowed democ- was listening to the grieva patriotic ruler to force- racy to flourish in Jammu ances of people during fully establish the idea of & Kashmir. PRIs, Local weekly Public Darbar free India in First Indian Bodies were not in place at party headquarter, cerned department offi-

Chander Mohan Gupta. speaking on the occasion, maintained that BJP has always worked on the principle of 'Nation First, Party Second and Self Last' and has delivered on the promises it made with the masses. He said that these parties misused the power for their own benefits and betrayed the masses on every occasion and once again, they are hatching conspiracy for their own explicit inter-

Vikas Choudhary said that the BJP works for the people for 365 days in a year and with no hidden agenda, it believes that public service is the ultimate motto of the party.

Dilbahadur Singh Jamwal said that the BJP leaders took up every issue of the visiting deputations with the concials for early disposals.

Col Mahan facilitates resolution of 15-year old dispute at Thein, RSD Barrage

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, OCT 12

A significant breakthrough in resolving a long-standing dispute took place during a tripartite meeting held at Thein (Kathua). The meeting, which involved the Border Roads Organization (BRO), Ranjit Sagar Dam (RSD) Authority, and DDC Chairman Kathua, successfully addressed tenance responsibility of section from Kilometer (KM) 10th to 13th.

This road segment, junction to Satwain Old Excise Check Post alongside the RSD reservoir, has faced neglect since 2008 due to unclarified boundaries, leading to severe inconvenience for daily commuters and vehicle JE Sandeep Kumar.

The meeting was a col-sion during the meeting, tion has committed to region.

laborative effort initiated both parties presented improving and macadamby Col Mahan Singh (Retd), their respective claims and izing this road promptly in DDC Chairman Kathua, counterclaims. The docu- the interest of the public. with valuable contribu- ments and sketches subissues related to the main-tions from Brig Tezpal mitted by the RSD visiting expressed his heartfelt Singh, Chief Engineer team were considered the congratulations to the the Dhar-Udhampur road Headquarters Sampark, most up-to-date and defin-Kalu Chak Jammu, and itive in the handover of the larly those residing in the Sher Singh, Chief Engi- road section. The matter hilly regions of Basohli, neer RSD Shapur Kandi was amicably resolved Bani, and Billawar, for stretching from Thein Tee (Punjab). In attendance and found agreeable to all were Col Mahan, Amit stakeholders.

> Avinash Kumar, Assistant taining this 3-kilometer inconveniences faced by Executive Engineer from dilapidated road stretch commuters and vehicle the 69 Border Roads Task will be taken over by the traffic on this crucial road, Force (BRTF), along with After a thorough discus- Border Roads Organiza- tation infrastructure in the

DDCpeople of Kathua, particuthe successful resolution of this 15-year-old dis-Moving forward, the pute. This development is responsibility for main- expected to alleviate the 69 BRTF, Border Roads, contributing to the overall Project Sampark. The improvement of transpor-

2-Day Dogri Writers Conference begins at JKAACL Jammu



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, aspects of socio themes. and Languages (JKAACL) have successfully begun Cum cultural Officer, today with a 2-Day Dogri JKAACL presented Vote of writers Conference at thanks. He said that such JKAACL premises in initiatives will be taken in Jammu. The title of the future also. The inaugural conference was Patriotism session was conducted by

21st Century. The Conference was inaugurated in a tradition- sion paper reading session al way by presentation of was organised in which Kud Dance by Shaptan Dr. Om Goswami and Dr. Singh & group followed Padam Dev Singh presentby Lighting of lamp by ed their papers on "patrio-Padamshree N.D. Jamwal, tism in Dogri Poetry of 21st prominent writer/ artist Century" and "patriotism in the presence of Pad- in Dogri short story of 21st amshri Mohan Singh, Prof Century". The session was Lalit Mangotra and Bharat presided over by Mangal Singh, Secretary JKAACL.

At the outset, Bharat Dogri writer and Historian. Singh, Secretary JKAACL, skill. Padamshri Mohan Singh presented keynote event, Light Dogri music

ocassion, Chief Guest Prof Khadyal, Dr. Ranjeet Singh Lalit Mangotra praised Katoch and Ms Apoorva the efforts of JKAACL in Jamwal. They were equally promoting literature and supported by Darbari Lal culture of J&K. He appre- on Tabla, Rakesh Anand ciated the selection of the on Flute, Kamal Shama topic for the conference on Dholak and Vicky Gill which is appropriate in the on Synth. The songs were

present context. address Padamshri N.D. the vote of thanks to all the Jamwal appreciated the participants especially the efforts of JKAACL specially students from Department the Secretary Bharat Singh of Dogri Jammu University for taking JKAACL to the and M.A.M. College. new heights by organising such literary and cultural ducted by Sahil Badyal.

activities. He stressed upon the need to encourage new generation of writers to write on various

Dr. Shahnawaz, Editor in the Dogri Literature of Ms. Reeta Khadyal, Editor Dogri, JKAACL.

After the inaugural ses-Das Dogra, renowned

The paper reading sesgave a heartfelt cordial sion was followed by Short welcome to everyone. story session in which While addressing the Chaman Arora, Dr. Om audience, he expressed Vidyarthi, Smt. Sudesh that writer are the face Raj, Smt. Krishna Sharma of society; they represent "Prem" and Nirmal Vikram the inner thoughts of the presented their stories. social fabric through their This session was presided ink; it is indeed a special over by Dr. Om Goswami. At the conclusion of the

address on Patriotism in programme was presented the Dogri Literature of 21st by the renowned artists of Jammu and Kashmir like While speaking on the Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Reeta composed by Ravi Sharma. In his presidential Reeta Khadyal presented

The event was ably con-

13 schools excel in Indian Army Quiz -Battle of Minds 2023

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To commemorate the Silver Iubilee anniversary of the Kargil victory a special one-of-a-kind event titled "Vijay Se Vijay Tak" curated by the Indian Army was held at the iconic Kargil War Memorial in Dras, on 7 October 2023. The event was graced by Col Sonam Wangchuk, MVC (Retd) and Nb Sub Mehar Singh, VrC - two of the valiant warriors and historically significant 26 October 2023. who had fought the Kargil war in 1999. In addition, immensely heartening to there was a diverse audience comprising students, teachers and mentors hail- girls. These young minds ing from the participating engaged in a 30-minuteschools. A large number of long spirited intellectual serving JCOs and soldiers written battle-of-wits, were also present to motivate the participants.

- Battle of Minds 2023, were lucrative cash prizes witnessed an extraordi- and participation certifinary display of knowledge cates for all the schools. and quick thinking at What was of special inter-

the culturally, militarily, - Kargil-Dras region. It was

note that 54% of the participating school teams were testing their knowledge and fostering camarade-The Indian Army Quiz rie and unity. Up for grabs

siastic four-member stu- eted wildcard entry spot dent teams from thirteen in the Quarterfinals of the local Schools, located in Northern Command, set to take place in Srinagar on

After a rigorous evaluation of the written answer sheets, the results were finally declassified. Army Goodwill School, Dras was the undisputed champion of the day. They were felicitated with a cash award of Rs 2500/-, participation certificates and a Wildcard Entry to the Northern Command Quarterfinals by the Chief Guest - Col Sonam Wangchuk (Retd), MVC in the presence of Col

bright, young, and enthuthemselves, for the coverand and Col. RK Singh, Battle of Minds 2023. Deputy Commander, 56 Mountain Brigade.

Sharma, Executive Engi-

neer RSD with Staff, and

School, Kaksar and Himabass Public High School, Dras were the joint second it feels incredible to see position holders and were our efforts pay off. We are bestowed upon the ultipresented with a cash award of Rs 2000/- each school and our city in the and participation certifi- upcoming Quarterfinals," cates. All the other participating schools were also honoured with certificates will School, Dras - the winof participation and cash ning team. awards of Rs 1000/- each.

One of the main objecthe haloed portals of the est was that these schools MS Rawat (Retd), Director, registered to participate the promotion of knowl- grand finale slated for 5th Kargil War Memorial by were also vying amongst AWES, Northern Com- in the Indian Army Quiz - edge and the empower- December 2023.

"I am thankful to all dedicatedly preparing for this competition, and shared Ms Uma Farooq, Captain of the Army Good-

event, Col Gaurav Bhatia,

Adv Purnima emphasizes for comprehensive

approach to tackle narco-terrorism

ment of today's youth, underscored by the overwhelming response, with a substantial number of students enthusiastically participating in this unique event."

As an added incentive, enticing prizes await the participants of the 2023. The top twelve schools stand a chance to win buses, while students my teammates for their and their teachers can Government High team spirit. We have been earn iPads and tablets as rewards for their excellence. Furthermore, cash prizes will not only be excited to represent our mate winner but also on those who make it to the Semi-Finals and Quarterfinals, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to be recognized for their achievements. The online Speaking about the competition of the Indian Army Quiz - Battle of tives of the event was to PhD (Retd) asserted, Minds, 2023, being hosted inspire and motivate stu- "TheIndian Army Quiz on www.indianarmyquiz. dents from the 32,000- - Battle of Minds 2023, com commenced on 3rd plus schools across India unequivocally represents October 2023, with the

Journalist Rajesh Parashar sets example of honesty by returning Rs 45,000 to JK Bank, Sunderbani

SUNDERBANI, OCT 12

Honestly is still alive in Sunderbani the whole matter is of Sunderbani, the main branch of Jammu and Kashmir Bank. Here, Sunderbani's well-known senior journalist Acharya Rajesh Parashar reached the old main branch of Jammu and Kashmir this morning to withdraw bank account.



some money from his that instead of Rs 5000, the bank had mistakenly Meanwhile he filled given him Rs 50000. the form for withdraw Rs Here, when he checked 5000 rupees . A big mis- his mobile, he came to take did by cashier of JK know that a message had Bank he gave 50 thousand been sent to him by the never compromises with rupees instead of giving bank. Out of that only Rs his ideals. His father has him Rs 5000, the person 5000 has been deducted also worked in paramilisitting at the cash counter from his account. In such tary forces including the handed him a bundle of Rs a situation, he immedi- Indian Army. Therefore, 50000. He put the bundle ately decided to return his upbringing and values directly in his pocket and the extra Rs 45,000 given are such that he wants went home. When he by the bank to the bank to live his life with selfwanted to give Rs 5000 to and immediately returned respect, full of honesty his wife, he came to know home to the bank. While, and devotion to duty.

he informed some of his colleagues about this after which one or two journalists also reached the bank. In front of whom he handed over this amount of Rs 45,000 to the branch manager of Jammu and Kashmir Bank. Gradually, by evening, this news spread throughout the area and the honesty of Acharya Rajesh Parashar is being discussed everywhere and people are praising him wholeheartedly. Talking in the same context, Acharya Rajesh Parashar said that he is a professional journalist and

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Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson of BJP, Jammu and Kashmir, and former Deputy Mayor, has raised serious concern over the growing menace of narco-terrorism in the Union Territory.

While commending the continuous efforts of the Indian government and its armed forces to maintain peace along the borders the youth of Jammu and and eliminate terrorism, Kashmir to remain vigilant Advocate Purnima Sharma and resilient in the face of bolstering border security, expressed her concerns these threats. She urged improving intelligenceabout Pakistan's persis- the people of Jammu and tent efforts to disrupt the Kashmir to provide unwav-raising awareness among peace in Jammu and Kash- ering support to the secu- the youth about the perils mir. Pakistan, having been rity agencies and the gov- associated with narcotics thwarted in its attempts ernment in their collective and radicalization. She to create unrest through mission to safeguard the firmly asserted that it is traditional means, has state and its people. now resorted to targeting the youth of the country through narco-terrorism. and Kashmir Police, result- can safeguard the future of This is an insidious and ing in the apprehension of the country and maintain dangerous trend that cannot be ignored.

Purnima called upon tling the narco-terrorism Territory.



network. She lauded the efforts of security forces in busting this dangerous nexus. She emphasized that such actions are essential to ensure the safety and well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior BJP leader emphasized that this alarming development underscores the critical need for a comprehensive approach to tackle the narco-terrorism issue. She stressed the significance of gathering capabilities, and only through collective The recent successful and unwavering determioperation by the Jammu nation through which we eight suspects, is a signifi- peace and prosperity in cant step towards disman- Jammu and Kashmir Union

Postal department Udhampur inagurates nodal delivery beat

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, OCT 12

National postal week is (NDB) of the Department of mechanized manner. being celebrated by India Posts at its Udhampur Head

Col Vinod Kumar, PMG NDB is to ensure the last Now, with this new value same day of receipt through the same day of receipt Delivery beat ensure the safe of technology Indian post Jammu Region, J&K inaugu- mile delivery to the doorstep addition the parcels which dedicated postman staff. rated a Nodal Delivery Beat of the customers in fastest are to be delivered in and

Udhampur Head Post Office. bike. The objective of the men on bicycle or on foot. at their door steps on the to Udhampur peoples on cels are delivery. The Nodal present era of advancement robust system.

at Udhampur Head Post and same day delivery. This offices have equipped with "Doorstep delivery of Office. He Emphasized that newly inaugurated service high class technology, which around the areas of Udham-service with human touch" effective delivery of parcels will benefit the public by enables the delivery in quick Col Vinod intimated pur will be delivered by is the primary focus said is one of the biggest chalgetting their parcel at their time. He also informed that Post from 9th to 13 Oct in Post Office, under this new that Udhampur head post using motorbike. Shri Amit Col Vinod Kumar, the nodal lenges faced by the depart- door step on the same day of with the help of tracking whole country. In a series of arrangement delivery of office was established in Supdt Udhampur said that beat delivery functioning ment of Posts. The increased receipt at Udhampur HPO. system now a sender can various events, today Mail mails will be done by post- year 1968, since then mail these parcels mail will be to ensure direct, mecha- volume of parcels needs a While talking to the media, search the whereabout of & Parcel Day is organized in man who will go on motor- is being delivered by Post- delivered to the customer nized delivery of parcels change in the manner par- he intimated that in the her/his article through a

cian, examined about

200 patients during the camp. Awareness was

imparted to the general

changes. Prevention of

Weekly Health Mela

Hospital, Ghagwal

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GHAGWAL, OCT 12

Aayushman bhavya

and all PRI members .

organized at Accidental

camp was today organ- public about the Aayushised at AH Ghaghwal in man bhavya campaign collaboration with AIIMS and services being pro-

Vijaypur. Camp was inau- vided under this umbrel-

gurated by worthy CMO la. The health educator

Samba, accompanied gave awareness on TB

by BMO Nud, incharge and leprosy. CHO cre-

AH Ghaghwal along with ated awareness among

BDC and DDC Chairman people regular lifestyle

from AIIMS consisting of Bharat and also mental

Endocrinologist, trauma health. Local PRIs active-

medicine, Gastro sur- ly participated in pro-

A team of doctors cancer, and Nasha Mukti

DDC Suresh Sharma inaugurates medical camp in Accidental Hospital, Chouki Choura



JAMMU, OCT 12

A medical camp was inaumotive of selfless service, gurated by BJP senior to reach at the doorsteps leader and DDC member of the needy people and flung areas who can not Pandit Suresh Sharma in help them in their health go to Akhnoor or Jammu, the premises of Chouki issues. The second similar these medical camps will Choura Govt Accidental camp will be organised in Hospital. A team of doc- the month of November for them because teams tors from Government and third in December of senior doctors from Medical College (GMC), this year, he informed. Jammu, rendered their services in this medi- that Prime minister Narcal camp, where a large endra Modi's Ayushman SDM Chouki Choura number of people from Health scheme is ben- Virender Gupta, Block different areas had efitting a large popula- Medical Officer Dr. Samir reached for examination tion the Indians. Today a Khajuria, BJP mandal of health related prob-

Besides this, he said services", he added.

being organised through- areas about the medical out the country by Gov- camps so that maximum ernment of India with a population can avail the benefits.

"As the people from far prove to be an advantage Jammu will be giving their

In this medical camp, poor family can get treat-president Capt B. D. ment in the best hospi- Sharma, Sarpanch Ravi Pandit Suresh Sharma, tals, which is indeed a Kumar and a number of while speaking on the big relief to them. He panches, sarpanches of occasion, said that this apoealed all the sarpanch- the block and people from camp in Chouki Choura is es and panches to make various villagrs were presin series of medical camps aware people in their ent in the medical camp.

Yudhvir reiterates BJP's commitment to inclusive devp



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Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP firmed the Party's dedication to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cherished mission of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," which focuses on inclusive development without discrimination

based on caste, religion,

or region.

public grievances camp and pension issues, etc. held at Pt PremNath Mandal, Ajay Sharma President Bajalta Mandal, Pardeep Singh, Vice President Bajalta Mandal, Arun Sethi General Secretary East Mandal and S Harvinder Singh, Shakti

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Central University of

Jammu (CUJ) organized

Book Exhibition 2023 at

the campus from 12-13

October 2023. The exhi-

bition was blessed by the

presence of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ.

The exhibition was conducted under the guidance

lection of the University's

library with new titles in

In the exhibition, 10

having more than 15000

thousand books with past

the allied fields.

JAMMU, OCT 12

Modi Government for

body that will serve as an

overarching platform for

youth development and

In a statement issued

here, Kavinder said that

nation-building. He said

youth-led development.

of Prof. BS Bhau, Library lish and Hindi literature,

international reputation exhibition also facilitates

(2020, 2021 & 2022). The areas to facilitate build-

books were mostly focused ing up a rich collection of

included books in Eng- Jammu, Library.

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accompanied with Yud-

Vice President today reaf- a platform for individuals and delegations from various parts of the East constituency to interact with party leaders and share their concerns. Main issues presented were related to the nonavailability of Govt ration, verification of land titles, transformer issues, elec-Yudvir Sethi made this tric poles, street lights, commitment during a repair of lanes/roads, job

Chawni, Jammu. Parveen tions, Yudhvir resolved Kerni, President East most of the issues instantaneously by talking to issues with the concerned

CUJ organizes Book Exhibition in Campus

Incharge and assisted Humanities, biographies nessed the active par-

by Assistant Librarian, of eminent personalities in ticipation of students

Ramesh Chander. The all walks of life, and litera- and faculty members.

main purpose of organiz- ture on Jammu & Kashmir The students got intro-

ing the book exhibition UT. The exhibition aims to duced to new topics and

was to strengthen the col- promote the culture of a the premium publication

publishers of national and members, and staff. This of the University visited

participated including publishers to showcase Prof. Kusum Kumari,

M/s Pearson, Narosa, Tata new and classic book col- Prof. Bharat Bhushan

McGraw Hill, PHI, NCBA lections to inculcate the Sharma, Dr. Abhay Kumar

and S Chand. The exhibi-reading habit and provide Singh, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr.

tion hosted 15 bookstalls an opportunity to faculty Umesh kumar Yaday, Dr.

books related to the cur-

three years publications riculum and new research Dr. Vandhana Sharma and

on management and its prestigious publications nical staff of the library

allied subjects. It also for Central University of helped in the organization

reading habit among stu- of top-notch publishing dents and instill a love for houses which was a great

reading that will last a life- experience for all of them.

time for students, faculty Many faculty members

members to recommend Tanuj Teswal, Dr.Ratnesh

The senior BJP leader towards resolutions.

Kendra Parmukh also asserted that the Party is fully committed to address the day to day The camp provided problems being faced by the people in general and that of Jammu City in particular. He stressed on the party's sincere attempt to have direct interaction with the masses and provide best possible solutions to their day to day

administrative and devel-

opment issues.

Highlighting the trust placed in the BJP's commitment to addressing public concerns, Sethi While giving patient mentioned that a signifi-Dogra Bhawan in Kacchi hearing to the deputa- cant number of people visit the BJP office to voice their issues, relying on the party to take the authorities concerned them up on suitable platon phone. He assured to forms. He emphasized take up the rest of their that party leaders make sincere efforts to address authorities at the earliest. these concerns and work

The exhibition wit-

the exhibition including

K Yadav, Dr. Vjinder Singh,

The office and the tech-

Dr. Ashish Kumar.

KIRF felicitates Pranav Bandral for covring Three Peaks Trek in record time

geon and general physigramme.



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Kanval International tion (KIRF) J&K felicitated pal (Elevation 9458 ft)

(Vice President KIRF) sporting activities. Guest of Honour. Mr. achievement. Mr. Kazmi for his future.

identify and encourage such special telent of the Jammu and Kashmir and Rehabilitation Founda- provide all possible support from government Pranav Bandral for his and other stakeholders, so achievement of covering that more and more youth Three peaks Trek Shankh- choose sports & fitness with passion and carrier Shivgarh (Elevation 8530 as well. Sports activities ft) and Kailash Kund (Ele- keeps the youth healthy vation 12470 ft) in Record and fit and help them to Time of 39.40 hiurs at stay away from deadly modern trends of drug Pranav Bandral began abuse. Drug abuse nowathis on 6th October 2023 days not only killing the and finished by 7th Octo-future and health of the ber 2023. He covered over- youth but also the family all distance of distance of youth are the worst suf-129.66 km. He claims to ferer. Youth are the back be the first one to do so. bone of our country we On the occasion Sohail must take steps to keep Kazmi was Chief Guest, them away from drugs Gul-e-Surkhab (President and encourage them to KIRF) & Harmeet Singh stay fit and healthy with

also stressed upon to

Gul-e-Surkhab also Kazmi felicitated Pranav congratulate him for his Bandral and congratulate achievement on behalf

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him for his extraordinary KIRF and wish him best

Lecture on Personality Development at 1 J&K Armd Sqn NCC, Jammu



The interactive session saw the cadets participating enthusiastically and, dent White Knight AWWA in the process, learning who is a senior education- precious tips on developist, a writer, an editor and ing and shaping their pera Motivational Speaker of sonalities. The cadets ben-Renown, addressed the efitted immensely from NCC Cadets on Personal- the rich experience of Mrs ity Development. Mrs Jain Jain who has been actively gave the Cadets valuable engaged in conducting insights into what are the training and workshops

Post delivering the leca personality. What are ture, Mrs Jain informally the essential qualities that interacted with the Cadets a person should strive for leaving them motivated in order to be a model and and cheerful to face the successful citizen of the future.

Youth achieving vision of dream India under PM Modi: Rekha Mahajan



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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President that the BJP is the only ship of PM Modi.

acted with the youths and all and development for nation pulsating with also listened to public all, the BJP has empa- energy and vitality, the grievances at Chowadi in thetically approached the youth embody the prom-Jammu South. She was left-out sections of society ise of tomorrow and the accompanied by Mandal and made the government key to unlocking the President Kunjwani Ran- accessible to the common immense potential that jeet Singh, Yuva Morcha masses. District President Jammu South Jitendra Salathia, her experience with the ization of our vision for Yuva Morcha Kunjwani youths of Yuva Morcha a Dream India by 2047. Mandal President Vikram and guides them about With passion coursing Singh, Pawan Singh, Sultan the initiatives of "Viksit through their veins and Singh, Ashok Sharma, Bharat" across the entire dreams illuminating their Devender Sharna, Alkesh spectrum of the govern- path, the youth can wield Sharma, Booth President ment and brings various a transformative force, Uttam Sharma, Azmer stakeholders together. shaping the destiny of our Singh, Rajinder Singh Rekha also boosted the great nation, Rekha said.

the occasion.

mitted to the basic prin-rich and the poor. Rekha Mahajan inter- ciple of development of

poppy, Kiran Salathia and morale of Yuva Morcha others were present on cadres and asked them to intensify the party work Rekha Mahajan said in the public domain at ground level at booth Jammu South Rekha political party that has level. Giving tips about Mahajan held a tour in worked at the ground BJP ideology, Rekha said Chowadi Panchayat, level, ensured policies that karyekartas are the backof Kunjwani Mandal in have integrated the whole bone of the party. She said Jammu South, today she nation along its length and Congress, once the biggest said that BJP strengthened breadth, and strength- party in the country, is on and progressed the nation ened and progressed the the verge of collapse. Its with its long-term vision nation with a long-term wrong policies have widunder the vibrant leader- vision. She said that com- ened the gap between the

Rekha added that the lies within India, propel-Rekha also shares ling us towards the real-

Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former **SKUAST-J Scientist received Prestigious** Deputy Chief Minister today commended the

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Dr. Ghanshyam N Jha, Scientist Fisheries, Krishi Vigyan

mandu, Nepal during 6-7 October, 2023.

International Fellowship

A reputed panel of very national Conference entitled new technologies in Doda the district.

"Science, Society & Culture district of Jammu & Kashmir, (ICSC-2023)" held at Kath- his achievements in the fisher ies sector and considering his overall scientific contribution.

Pertinent That Dr Jha has Kendra, Doda, Sher-e-Kash- senior level International been pioneer in introduction mir University of Agricultural scientists recommended of low cost locally made feed Sciences & Technology of and announced prestigious for trout, poly-lining of pond Jammu received prestigious award to the name of Dr. Jha. for fisheries & water storage; Fellowship award of Interna- This recognition has been vegetable based integrated tional Academy "Nepal Aqua- conferred to Dr. Jha for his fish farming; ornamental fishculture Society, Kathmandu, innovative field extension eries & aquarium manufactur-Nepal during two days Inter- approaches, introduction of ing as an enterprise, etc., in



 $a\ c\ c\ e\ s\ s$ resources and oppor-

Bharat, an autonomous agents of community to the nation's growth and change.

He said that Mera Yuva Bharat is a testament to the Modi Government's commitment to youth development. He urged immense youth energy for building process.

that the platform will pro- Mera Yuva Bharat will better future for all," he

opportu- with access to a range of nities to resources and opportunie n g a g e ties, including skilling and in volun- training, employment, tary work, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement. This will help young people to develop their skills and launching Mera Yuva tunities, and become potential, and contribute

development, he added. Mera Yuva Bharat is a all young people to take will provide them with visionary initiative of advantage of this oppor- the tools and resources Prime Minister Narendra tunity and to participate they need to identify and Modi that will harness the actively in the nation- address challenges in their

vide young people with provide young people added.

"Mera Yuva Bharat will empower young people to become agents of community change and nation builders. The platform communities, and to work Kavinder said that the with others to create a

Mera Yuva Bharat will empower India's Youth: Kavinder Gupta

of the book exhibition.

Punita Jain, Zonal Presiattributes that make a per- for senior school children. sonality and what shapes

Dr. Manyal addresses meeting of **BJP Jammu Borders District**

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Jammu border organisa- reservation, border battal- become a thing of the past. tional district of the party ion creation, etc. today in the border town 2014 General elections.

during the previous Gov- when the NC Cong were tory.

doldrums after

Kargil debacle:

Rattan Lal Gupta, Pro-

vincial President of J&K

National Conference,

Jammu, on Thursday

said that the Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) is frus-

trated and in a state of

disarray after losing the

LAHDC Kargil election.

here today, the senior

NC leader said that

BJP's defeat in Kargil is

a major setback for the

party in Jammu and

Kashmir and is also a

clear indication that the

people have rejected

their divisive and anti-

He said that the elec-

tion to the Ladakh

Autonomous Hill

Development Council

(LAHDC)-Kargil was

the first poll held after

Ladakh was carved out

as a Union Territory fol-

lowing the abrogation of

Article 370 of the Con-

stitution and the people

of Ladakh have severely

rejected the divisive pol-

itics of BJP and its poli-

cies which are against

the people of J&K and

He asserted that the Bharatiya Janta Party,

ably assisted by a totally

biased Ladakh adminis-

tration, did everything

possible to deny us

our rights to use Party

symbol in LAHDC poll

but our symbol, the

'Plough', was given to us

by the Honble Supreme

Court. Rattan Lal Gupta

termed the victory of

National Conference in

LAHDC as a trend setter

for the future elections

in Jammu and Kashmir,

adding that the people

have voted in favour of

He asserted that BJP

is afraid to fight Assem-

bly elections in Jammu

and Kashmir, and even

now, the Saffron Party

is unable to context the

ULB and Panchayat elec-

tions in J&K, which is

why these elections have

been put on hold. This

is a clear indication that

the BJP is losing ground

the secular parties.

Ladakh.

people policies.

In a statement issued

Rattan Lal

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BJP in

Addressing a meeting of bunkers, school buildings, now the border firing has

bly constituency Pradesh nessed by people across they had faced and were residents of borders are the Mahamantri and former the country was silenc- devoid of any developminister Dr D K Manyal ing of guns at the borders ment. said that it was Hon'ble after the NDA came into PM Narendra Modi at the power. The border people years the road connectivity centre who silenced Paki- along with their children is almost hundred percent stan on the borders after and domestic animals had Dr Manyal was address- ning to safer places when- though there is no need of ing a huge gathering of ever there was firing from these bunkers now. party workers at this the other side. A huge no. border district. He said of human lives were lost, do their agricultural activithat the border areas were hundreds of animals per- ties across the barbed wire the most neglected areas ished during such incidents within the country's terri-

ernments in jammu Kash- at the helm of affairs at mir by any means whether the centre and J&K . Modi it was road connectivity, Govt silenced the guns and

Modi ji provided reserva-The first and foremost tion to these warriors keep-Arnia of Bishnah Assem- change which was wit- ing in view the difficulties

> Within a span of five and where ever required become habitual of run- bunkers were constructed the border Zila team for

People are allowed to

sidering to give full compensation to all the families whose land has come under the barbed wire and the land which cannot be

cultivated. The BJP believes that the true warriors without uniform and without salary and we all salute such warriors who are first line of defence of the country.

Dr Manyal appreciated their tremendous performance in the party s national program " Meri Mati Mera Desh" and the " Sewa Pakhwara " during Hon'ble PM Modi ji s birth-

BJP OBC Morcha demands 27% reservation in Panchayat, ULBs

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Sunil Prajapati, President BIP OBC Morcha conducted Press conference at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

OBC Morcha Rashpaul will be held only after pro- and whole OBC Samaj of Verma, Vice President J&K viding reservation to the Jammu Kashmir hailed BJP OBC Morcha Suresh OBCs. Salgotra, Morcha District President Jammu Ashok Salgotra and Morcha Municipal and Panchay-Mandal President Rakesh at elections hasn't been Mandal were also present halted and will resume ervation in Panchayat,

addressing the media the bodies are amended. persons said the Govern- However, the reserva- have been provided 33 ment has proposed an tion roster will have to be amendment in Jammu and prepared afresh for both poration, Municipalities only Women, Scheduled and Panchayati Raj Acts Castes (SCs) and Schedto provide reservation to uled Tribes and (STs) are He stressed that the similar (OBCs) in the Urban Local Municipalities and Pan-lowed for granting reserva-Bodies (ULBS) Panchayats. chayats. Sunil Prajapati on tion to OBC's.

National Secretary BJP Elections to the two bodies the behalf BJP OBC Morcha

process for conduct of on the Press Conference. once the Acts to provide Sunil Prajapati, while reservation to OBCs in both Kashmir Municipal Cor- the bodies as presently Other Backward Classes entitled to the quota in

State BJP Leadership for Prajapati said that the raising the issues of the OBC's with Jammu Kashmir Government.

Demanding 27% res-**Municipal Corporations** and Municipal Committees, he said that women percent reservation in Municipalities and Panchayats, SCs and STs get quota based on their population in the two bodies. process must also be fol-

CCI organizes function to bid farewell to Mukesh Singh, IPS, on his transfer to ITBP



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Chamber of Commerce the police department & Industry organized a

Arun Gupta while

in the region and is no longer confident of winning elections. The Party's popularity has declined due to its failure to deliver on its promises, its divisive rhetoric, and anti people policies. The BJP has also been criticized for its mishandling of the security situation in the region. He also said that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir have become victims of recruitment scams and that their future is bleak due to rampant corruption in recruitment.

the drugs valuing crores create chaos in the public. of rupees was captured by

Arun Gupta further said Gupta, Sr. Vice President function today at Cham- that Chamber has good ber House to bid farewell rapport and will miss him to Sh. Mukesh Singh, IPS, but we wish him very best ADGP on his transfer as wishes and good luck on IGP ITBP, Government of joining the new assign-

speaking on the occa- the occasion Sh. Mukesh sion recalled the services Singh, IPS said that the Sh. Ravinder Sawahney, rendered by Sh. Mukesh activities of the Jammu Singh,IPS during his Chamber were as per the tenure as ADGP Jammu. wishes of the Chamber He said that the people members but the police Gupta, Sh. Anil Gupta, of Jammu will remember department has to act as him for his polite and per law and the duties determined approach to assigned by the governsolve the problems con-ment. He also said that we hotra, Sh. Charanjeet fronting the people of have tried the better rela-Jammu. During his tenure tions between Chamber as ADGP the crime graph and the police department Rajinder Parshad, Sh. in Jammu has consider- should prevail. Sometimes Davinder Gupta, Sh. Krishably come down and the actions of the police only few incidents of mili-department are not visible Goel, Sh. Vinod Gupta, tancy and bomb blasts on the ground but the duty Sh. Narinder Kumar, Sh. have taken place. During performed by the police Zulafikar Ali Mumtaz and his tenure more than department has saved so others were present on 350 modern rifles, 650 many precious lives and

grenades(approx.) and the incidents which can Besides the other office

bearers namely Sh. Anil

CCI, Sh. Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President CCI, Sh. Manish Gupta, Secretary General CCI, sh. Rajesh Gupta, Secretary CCI, Sh. Yash Pal Gupta, Sh. Shiv While speaking on Partap Gupta, Sh. Subash Gupta, Sh. Davinder Batra, Sh. Jagdish Langer, Sh. Anil Kapahi, Sh. Narinder Singh Chahal, Sh. Rajan Sh. K.K.Khosa, Sh. Ashish Gupta, Sh. Kamal Kishore Gupta, Sh. Vishal Mal-Singh, Sh. Jasbir Singh, Sh. Rajesh Bhagotra, Sh. nan Kutty, Dr. Gautam

up, her bank accounts robbed: Women Relatives

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Expressing anguish and utter shock over the noninitiation of any action over the repeated complaints made by relatives of Prof Bhim Singh to Police and Revenue Deptt J&K seeking a high probe into mysterious death of Jay Mala, withdrawal of money from her bank accounts and usurpation and loot of properties and lands of Bhim Singh, a strong contingent of women relatives, friends and associates of Jay Mala and Prof Bhim Singh led by BDC Chairperson Neelam Devi and senior women Social activists Sudesh Dogra and Meena Kumari held a massive demonstration outside Domana Police Station today. The female activists of the Party carrying placards marched towards Domana Police Station raising slogans of "Jay Mala ke hatyaron ko Fansi Do, Fansi Do", "Police-Criminal nexus murdabad, murdabad", "Jay Mala ke bank khate se paise lootney walon ko saza do, saza do" etc. The female protestors held a second protest outside Vilakshan Singh's house and sought his immediate arrest for usurping Prof Bhim Singh's properties and lands. Raising slogans of "Vilakshan Singh ko giraftaar karo, giraftaar



Bhim Singh's property looted, Mala's murder covered

characters. that the post mortem not reveal the foul inten- at Rajinder bazaar, tresreport of Jay Mala had tions of the Domana police passed into the same, age by Domana Police alleged murder in conthe criminals to cover up nals?, remarked Neelam, the matter having been lamented that no action son associated with Jay action had been taken to had been taken despite Mala's family. cogent proofs of murder against the culprits and in spite of a lapse of five land belonging to Prof Civil administration that months with the police Bhim Singh in Sidhra had not only was Prof. Bhim department playing been usurped by a noto- Singh's property looted truant with the investigations. She said that several in league with certain his wicked sister" but his deputations had submit- corrupt revenue offi- mother Jay Mala's A/cs ted memorandums and cers. "She expressed her were also looted by the provided sufficient proofs dismay that the encroachof criminal conspiracies er was allowed to go scot lusion. Mr. Ankit divulged against Jay Mala by some free only because of the through his written letters criminal minded people reason that he was enjoy- and proofs that money was and were assured of early probe but no action has leader of Udhampur who bank accounts twice on police. The family mem- fron Party to seek shel- still no enquiry was held Domana police are hand the past. Shocking that a BJP leader enjoyed by the in glove with the alleged fraudulent entry made in criminal elements. With murderers and have failed records of land belonging corruption having crossed karo", the protestors held to take any action. She to one of the tallest leaders all limits in J&K and police a demonstration outside said that it was shocking and an Ex- MLC is being become partners in crime, Vilakshan's house and that the Domana police allowed to continue and can anyone expect justice blocked the National High- had failed to even check fraudsters protected for in the incarcerated land way to show their resent- the CCTV footage during reasons best known to all. of J&K? questioned the ment against the govt for the past over five months, ", said Neelam.

the criminals had with-Speaking on the occa- drawn money by using sion, Sudesh Dogra said Mala's ATM card. Does it been thrown in cold stor- hell bent to cover up the who had colluded with nivence with the crimi-

Neelam said that it was most shocking that written to Police and rious character of Sidhra by "Vilakshan Singh and ing patronage of a BJP been taken by Domana had recently joined Saf- the day she collapsed. But bers believe that the ter for his shady deals in due to patronage of the

Speaking on the occasion, Meena and Nisha Sharma said that Prof. Bhim Singh had a strip of land in Sidhra measuring one kanal on which he had constructed a hut after availing loan from Legislative Council in 2003-04. The said hut was set on fire by certain vested interests who further usurped the land on which the said hut had been constructed. Not only that the vested interest had further broken open the locks of Bhim Singh's building destroyed some important documents and locked the said building. But despite the alleged murder. She an elected BDC chairper- reported to police, no arrest the said criminals.

Ankit Love had already very same criminals in colwithdrawn from Mala's female activists.

06 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

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In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multipronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of PS Bishnah, PS Khour, PP Sidhra and PP Chinore acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 06 vehicles involved in illegal mining. Details of the vehicle seized are as under:

02 Dumpers bearing Registration Nos JK02DD-2158 and JK02DD-2337, by PS Bishnah.

02 Tractor Trollies bearing Engine Nos MBNSFALUDJZM00123 and NNJ02615, by PS Khour.

One Dumper bearing Registration No IKO2CI-8204, by PP Sidhra.

One Tractor Trolley without Registration No, by PP Chinore.

The recoveries were made by SHO PS Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma, SHO PS Khour Inspr Rahul Mahajan, I/C PP Sidhra PSI Arun Kumar and I/C PP Chinore PSI Rajesh Kumar in their respective jurisdiction.

DMO Jammu was also intimated about the same.

The mining was done in violation of order of Hon'ble High Court of J&k. In order to strictly implement the drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators of the law Jammu Police has initiated strict action.

Kalsh Yatra taken out at Chanunta

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An impressive kalsh" yatra " led by Jattu ram Bhardwaj DDC Ramnagar 2 was taken out at block headquarter Chanunta amidst patriotic songs of "bharat mata ki jai" "bande mataram"

Beside drum beatings and nagaras under meri Matti Mera desh received.

was administered to the karyakram gathering.

staff sarpanches ,panches also praised the narendra flavour to the event retired personnel special- modi govt.for initiating ly a large no. of women such types of innovative Singh Pathania (rtd.army witnessed the karyakram initiatives which creates subedar Major) and rattan speaking on the occasion a sense of patriotism, Chand (rtd.army hawala-J R Bhardwaj DDC Ram- nationalism and fervor dar major) also addressed nagar 2 laid emphasis of duty consciousness for the gathering.



for the sake of country ment. pledge of panch pran is the motive behind the

chayats of block was who sacrificed their lives narendra modi govern-

Besides nehru yuva Kendra volunteers, People present on the anganwadi staffs, students Block development offi- occasion including the and local youth specially cer Chanunta along with families of martyred's large no. of women added

Moreover kuldeep

Inter-District Provincial Level kho-kho under 14yrs girls concluded



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The compitition is in prog-12/10/2023 at JK Tourism Khrote Morh.

been conducted under the Samba. able guidance and directions of Director YSS UT & Joint Director Suram of DYSSO Kathua Sunil and lifted the trophy. Dis-office Kathua.

secutive and last day of very sensitive manner. Inter District Provincial The compitition has trict Jammu beat District

was won by District Samba

of Jammu and Kashmir against District Kathua. In the mega final Dis-Chand. Deputy Director trict Udhampur defeated

Kumar. On the 10th con-trict Udhampur played

The winner and runner level kho-kho under 14 up trophy was given to ress from 03/10/2023 to yrs girls. Kathua lost his teams by Worthy DYSSO semifinal against Udham- and Football coach of pur on the other hand Dis- SIA by Sunil Kumar along with field staff of District Kathua. While talking The third place match to media person DYSSO Kathua thanks to Director YSS for organising such types of tournament.

All the matches were Jitender Mishra under District Jammu by an officiated by experts offithe overall supervision innings and seven points cials nominated by District

Billawaria chairs annual meeting of Maa Vankhandi Chhadi Yatra Samiti



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from Gangyal in the morning.

ing on the eighth Navratri Sunday and will go to the temple of Maa Vankhandi The annual meeting of located in ShantiVan of Maa Vankhandi Chhadi Mahanpur (Basholi). The Yatra Samiti was organ- Chaddi Yatra will return ised under the banner after the worship here. of Dogra Sewa Sambhal The Maa Vankhandi is Trust (Regd.). The meet- another name of Mata ing was presided over by Sita and here is the only trust Chairman Baldev temple of Sita Mata in the Singh Billawaria, while whole world. It is believed Maa Vankhandi Chhadi that in this Shanti Van, Lav Yatra Samiti Chairman & Kush had caught the Ashwini Gupta and Presi- horse of Ashwamedha dent Sachin Kapoor were Yagya and Mother Sita was also present. The com- absorbed in the lap of the mittee members was earth here. Ranjit Singh, decided that this time Om Nath and Kulbir Kour the ninth Chhadi Yatra of and other members were Maa Vankhandi will leave also present in the meet-

GK Educational Trust PMKK conducts Skill Convocation Ceremony

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ing partner NSDC, minis- ed with the students and try of skill development motivated them by sharconducted Skill Convoca- ing their experiences and tion Ceremony at GKITR aware the students about PMKK KATHUA. All the the schemes fall under students who were skilled DIC. from GKITR PMKK Kathua

ent and they congratulated ent.

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the students for passing out in their respective skill courses in which they were GK Educational Trust train- enrolled and they interact-

GK Educational Trust

and passed out in the ses- is committed to create sion 2022-2023 were pres- opportunities and improvent there and certificates ing the lives of people in were distributed to them. the community by skilling Chief Guest Ms. Shruti them in particular field. Bhardwaj(JKAS), Fuc- Mr. Ammar Nehvi (Directional Manager, DIC tor GK Educational Trust). Kathua and Mr. Jagdeep Ms.PritpalKour(Centre In Singh(JKAS), Program Man-charge) and other staff ager DIC Kathua were presmembers were also pres-

After ending reservation in promotion for SC, ST, OBC in JKUT, now BJP wants to end it in jobs also: JKRCEA

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After killing Reservation in no say in governing system Promotions, BJP hell bent and rather they work as upon finishing off Direct puppets or stooges in recruitment Resevation the hands of their politifor SCSTOBCs in JKUT: cal bosses which is well Morcha Leaders & JKUT gauzed from recent stateadministration befooling ments of SC ST and OBC name of development and also feel pity for the treatextension of all constitu- ment meted out to leaders tional rights- JKRCEA.

JKRCEA, as frontal organization of SC ST OBC com- Toll Plazas in Jammu. We munities had been raising support them in any new concerns about the plight agitation for just & genuine of SC ST OBCs especially after abrogation of article well as top leaders of the of life has put heavy toll mentto J&K. He further

communities have further deteriorated in J&K.SCS-TOBC leaders in BJPhave SCSTOBC masses in the BJP Morcha leaders. We of Rajput Sabha who were objecting against illegal

issues of Jammuites. Prof. G.L. Thapa, while 370 and false sloganeering further elaborating on the by the various Morcha as plights of SCSTOBCs of J&K said that in spite of promruling dispensation but ises of former Governors, without any heed from present LG and many BJP the ruling party towards leaders, the grievances concerns of SC ST OBC of SCSTOBCs of J&K have masses. Situation for all remained un solved and the sections of the society there is sever betrayal of erstwhile state of J&K with these communities is deteriorating on daily in the name of extension basis on social, economic of all constitutional rights, and political fronts under dictatorship and misgiving one man army led by LG of the J&K bureaucracy, and misguided by few IAS/ harassment of employees IPS lobby close to him. We at work places, killing of congratulate the LG for rel-reservation in employegating Local BJP leaders ments in J&K in spite of as well as SCSTOBC lead- constitutional backing, ers to inferior position Non-implementation and making them help- of Mandal Commission less and finishing political report, wrong report by gains for BJP in J&K as well BC Commission headed vis a vis throwing Jammu by retired justice G.D. provinces further back on Sharma, bias by recruitdevelopment fronts vis a ment agencies like PSC, vis Kashmir. The deliber- non-implementation of ate attempt to ignore com- Presidential Order of 1st zero and even negative moners, business class march 2019 extending 77th and others in all aspects Constitutional Amendon native of Jammu prov- added that after killing resince. Slogans like "Dhara ervation in promotions on 370 kaakhatma Jammu insistence of micro-minor-Kashmir Maine eknayaiti- ity upper caste employees/ haslikahyega, "Mere Dalit bureaucrats, many vacan-Bayounkoomarnyesaeep- cies of SCSTOBCs in direct ehlyemujyeGoli mar do", recruitments were abolish 'VanchitonkoVariata'etc by preparing new roster



tion has been implement- increased several folds ed and not Reservation after 370 abrogation. in Promotions for SCSTS. Furthermore, the Reservation Act of 2004 stands protected in J&K Reorganization Act of 2019, that was passed by both houses of the parliament, the supreme law-making body of the country. Now vide S.O No.498, dated:26-09-2023, whereby, indirectly not only reservation in promotions have been abolished in Combined **Competitive Examinations** but also relaxed standards to judge SCSTs for direct recruitments where posts goes unfilled due to not crossing minimum bar for selection have also been removed. This is and widow pensions have 2000 years back. He wel-M.R. Bangotra, Baldev Raj, against constitutional and been abolished. There comed caste based census Des Raj and others attend-Supreme Court mandate. are issues with disburse- of Bihar government and ed the Press Conference. Recently government of India have abolished minimum criteria of selections in highly specialized courses and brought it to also. This is again an offi-

cial atrocity against SCSTs. MohinderBhagat; whileaddressing the media said that bureaucrats including CS under LG are extremely anti-reserved categories and invariably harsh reserved categories employees by giving them difficult area postings are licking dust on ground. point while including EWS and even insulting senior In fact after 370 abrogation and Pahris in reserved cat- officer during meetings the socio-educational and egories in 2022. Pertinent- in front of juniors. Caste economic condition of all ly, part of the said order system within government including marginalized pertaining to EWS reserva- office and on ground has

tions. Government few including J&K. days back said that there and their implementatax payers' money. Prof. Kali Dass; while addresstion in JKUT, pre and ing the media said thatimunconstitutionally carved 'Land to Tiller' was the good share of reservation to come. excellent and unique act in educational institutions of empowering marginal- and employment at the

ment of ration even to stressed that same should very poor amongst all sec- be done in whole of India

In the end it was urged shall be no power cuts in upon PM of India and LG metered areas in Jammu of JKUT not to test the and only 06 hrs in unmepatience of this larger tered areas but since last group of people of J&K so many days the power who can make and break curtailments has almost the political equations became a severe crisis. very well. If LG of JKUT is The natives of Jammu & sincere, he should come Kashmir across all the out with WHITE PAPERon sections are facing many the issues and concerns of problems in day today life SCSTOBCs of J&K solved by and the administration his administration immeunder LG is busy in Press diately or we will come Conferences and various out with a BLACK PAPER functions for self praises reflecting all misdeeds of of SC Component Plans spend money from the the present dispensation against SCSTOBCs of J&K. If need arises, we will launch statewide agitation in crores stands unsanc- plementation of Mandal against institutional atroctioned and none is wor- Commission report is ity being faced by these awaited in JKUT and the communities and teach good lessons to the ruling Sham Basson; said that categories are enjoying political class in the days

T.C. Bavouria, M. R. Bangotra, G.L. Rahi, M.L. ized section in J&K that cost of depriving OBCs of Banalia, Haji Fotedar, has been diluted by prestheir due share. He said B.R. Banalia, Abdul Majid ent government. There that every upper caste Malik, KewalFotra, Raj are glaring apathies official right from Peon to Kumar Bhagat, Sardari against disbursement of Highest officials including Lal, Romesh Kumar, Vishal ex-gratia to SC victims of VCs and various heads of Bhagat, Rakesh Attri, militancy vis a vis upper departments behave with Manoj Kumar, SohanBadcaste sufferers. Old age SCSTOBCs as it used to be gal, Kewal Krishan Fotra,

Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, r Forest Division, Kishtwar. (Forest Complex Sarkoot, Kishtw

F-TENDERING

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved

Name of Work

There are no whereabouts

post matric scholarship

ried including SCST BJP

S. No	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In lac)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Class of Contract or	Cost of Tender Docum ent	Time of comple tion	Receiving/ Opening Authority
1	Survey &Installation of Demarcation Boundary Pillars. Survey &Installation of 37 Nos. of BPs in Comptt.2b/P(Palali Forest) in Paddar Range of Kishtwar Forest Division under CAMPA NPV for the year 2023-24.	2.5044	7513	A, B, C& D	Rs. 600/	30 days	Tender Opening Committee

The e-NIT consisting ofqualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), Set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:

www.jktenders.gov.in Position of funds:Demanded

Position of AA/TS: Accorded/ TS under process

Publishing Date	09-10-2023
Download Start Date	09-10-2023
Bid Submission Start Date	10-10-2023 at 10:00 AM
Bid submission End Date	27-10-2023 upto 01:30 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid (online).	30-10-2023 at 12:30 PM (In the Office of D.F.O, Kishtwar, Forest Complex Sarkoot Kishtwar).
Date of opening of Financial Bid(online)	31-10-2023 at 12:30 PM (In the Office of D.F.O, Kishtwar, Forest Complex Sarkoot Kishtwar).

- 2. The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on 31-10-2023 at 12:30 PM in the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Kishtwar. In case of public holiday on the date of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- In case the cost of lowest bidder is found below the advertised amount, the bidder has to deposit an additional nce security in the shape of CDR/FDR before issuance of award of contract to the tune as per below deta
- Upto 15% below rate over advertised cost Nil 15% to 20% below rate over advertised cost 5% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR
- 20% to 25% below rate over advertised cost 10% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR.
- 25% to 30% below rate over advertised cost 15% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR.

 Below30% rate over advertised cost 25% in shape of CDR/FDR of advertised cost & 10% in shape of bank guarantee of advertised
- <u>cost.</u>
 Bids must be uploaded along with scanned copy of cost of Tender Document in shape of e-challan /copy of receipt from treasury indicating name of work favoring Divisional Forest Officer Kishtwar by crediting the requisite charges to the head 0406 -Forest (Revenue).
- The successful bidder i.e. L-1 has to deposit the earnest money in shape of CDR pledge to Divisional Forest Officer. Kishtwarwithin (3) Three days from opening of financial bids. The bids for the work shall remain valid till 90days.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" options as well as from "Bidders
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per IT Act; bidders can get Digital Signature Certificate from approved vendor.
- The Bidders have to submit their financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical /hard form.
- 10. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above

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- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents viz;1). Valid Registration Card issued by govt. Agency dealing with such works. 2). PAN Card. 3).GST Registration Certificate (Self attested photocopy). 4). Receipt of cost of Tender documents. 5). Valid Sales Tax Clearance Certificate (Form GSTR-3B). 6). Valid email-id, contact number & Address. No registered post/courier will be accepted. The L1 will submit the original documents in the office within two days from the date of opening of inancial bid.
- 11. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (Technical or
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter beingadopted by the Directorate ofinformation regarding publishing the e-NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation 13. The accepting department however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons
- The contractor shall arrange the key materials like Cement, Steel in his own from authorized dealers for the above

said work and quality of material shall be ISI marked and have to be verified/passed by the concerned Range Officer/Work in charge of the department before start of work.

a. Cement of Ambuja, ACC, Birla Plus, JP Buland, Banguar or equivalent brand

- b. Steel of SAIL, TATA TISCON, Rashtriyalspat or equivalent brand
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD Form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed
- 15. An affidavit has to be furnished by the bidder regarding abiding by all the terms and conditions of e-NIT and Tender

Sagar Singh (JKFS) Divisional Forest Officer

No:.2006-11/Tender/2023-24/KFDDated: 09-10-2023

DIP/J-9481/23 Date: 12-10-23

An information was received at PS Gandhi by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. During search, 95 e Nagar through reliable sources regarding one SHO PS Gandhi Nagar Inspr Pankaj Sharma cigarettes and 39 vape juice liquid bottles person selling e cigarettes in the area under did strenuous efforts and with the help of were recovered from his possession.

the jurisdiction of PS Gandhi Nagar Jammu. CCTV footages of the area finally rounded

In this regard, a Case FIR No. 242/2023 U/S up the accused person namely Lakhwinder

4/7 prohibition of Electronic cigarettes Act, Koul @ Chotu S/O Balbir Singh R/O- Near

2019 got registered at PS Gandhi Nagar Nav Shiv Mandir, Nanak Nagar, Jammu who Jammu and investigation started. After this was selling the same at a shop namely Elite special police teams of PS Gandhi Nagar led Smokers shop near Laxmi Narayan Mandir,

Sham Langer asks PDD to provide uninterrupted power supply to people, industrial areas

95 e cigarettes and 39 vape

juice bottles recovered

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

ner of BJP Trade Cell, has ernizing the power distriraised serious concerns bution system, optimizing about the persistently poor energy consumption, and power supply scenario in ensuring accurate billing. Jammu City.

today, the senior BJP leader be realized if they have called upon the Power access to a stable and unin-Development Department terrupted power supply, he (PDD) to address the power added. woes faced by the residents Iammu region.

growth and prosperity of conducive for growth. the industrial sector, he these areas.

to provide regular power authorities.

supply to areas where Smart Meters have been installed. Smart Meters Sham Lal Langer, Conve- play a pivotal role in mod-However, the full potential In a statement issued of Smart Meters can only

Sham Langer underand industrial areas of lined that a reliable power supply is not only a neces-Langer emphasized sity for households and the critical importance businesses but also for the of providing regular and overall development and uninterrupted power progress of Jammu City. He supply to industrial areas called upon the PDD to take in Jammu. He highlighted immediate and effective that a consistent power measures to address the supply is essential to boost prevailing power issues, productivity, encourage ensuring that the citizens of investment, and sustain Jammu can enjoy a better the economic activities in quality of life and the busithe region. To ensure the ness environment remains

Langer expressed his urged the PDD authorities hope that the concerns to prioritize the needs of raised regarding the power scenario in Jammu Furthermore, Langer City would be addressed urged the PDD authorities promptly by the concerned

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Short Term)

MHDJ/e-NIT 143 of 2023-24

Dated: 10.10.2023 Due: 25.10.2023

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited from registered/reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience for the work

S. Description of work | Project | Estt | AAA/ | Earnest | Cost of tender | Time of | Eligibility

No	Authority	TS	Money Deposit	document	completion	Criterion of Bidder
1 Supply installation, Testing and commissioning of Audio Visual System including other allied works at old Main Hall of Accounts Section and Administrative, GMC Jammu	GMC & Associated Hospital Jammu		Rs.6000.00 In the Shape of DRY-PRAYTOR Valid for 12 months pledged to the Executive Engineer MH Division Jammu	through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to 0059-PWD (Revenue) and uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt on e-tendering portal. OR The bidder may deposit tender fee in the shape of e-Challan through Account no. 0097010100002163 in the name of Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospital Division Jammu Name of Bank: J&K Bank Town Hall Jammu Branch Code:0097 IFSC code: JAKAOTNHALL MICR CODE: 180051025	10 days	OEM/Authorized /Registered & Reputed firms having sufficient experience as per Annexure "C" Similar nature of work

THE NIT CONSISTING OF Qualifying INFORMATION, ELGIBILITY CRITERIA, BILL OF QUANTITIES (BOQ) SETS OF TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT & OTHER DETAILS CAN BE VIEWED / DOWNLOADED FROM THE

Sd/-Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospital Division

DIP/J-9445/23

Arrangements for Navratras, Dussehra &

Maha Navami discussed in Udhampur

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai receives Prestigious Award for promotion of tourism potential of Jammu Region

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai has been bestowed with a prestigious award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of tourism. The esteemed accolade was presented by Padmashri, SP Verma and team, a group of distinguished social activists and environmentalists.

the tireless efforts of all promotion and develop-



the officials of Directorate ment of tourism in the of Tourism, Jammu have region speak volumes of Rai's visionary leader- earned this noteworthy the endless tourism potenship and innovative tour- recognition. His tireless tial of all the districts of ism endeavors alongwith efforts in advancing the Jammu Region.

his unwavering commitment to furthering tourism in the region, spanning adventure, pilgrimage, rural and Sustainable Tourism. His ambitious vision seeks to position Jammu as a prominent international tourism hub and he fervently urged the vouth to embrace their roles as tourism ambassadors. This award stands as a testament to Vivekanand Rai's exceptional dedication and innovative contributions to the advancement of tourism in Jammu.

Udhampur, Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting to discuss and plan the smooth celebration of the upcoming Navratras, Dussehra, and Maha Navami festivals. In the meeting, a detailed discussion was conducted concerning various aspects of the

arrangements including security measures, the provision of safe drinking water, power supply, barricading, first-aid services, sanitation, rate on security arrangements town clean. inspections, availability to prevent any untoward of fire tenders, repair of incidents during the fesroad potholes and street lights, the illumination of various chowks, garbage

UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner

management of traffic condirected to uninterrupted advised not to park their officers from different gestion in the town. Necessary directives the festival. In order to

DC reviews Swachhcha 3.0,

were issued to the heads maintain the cleanliness requested to prominently of different departments of the town, the Deputy display a price list of all to ensure comprehen- Commissioner directed sive arrangements in the CEO MC to take neces- the information of the gentheir respective domains sary actions and encour- eral public. Traffic Departduring the festivals. Spe- aged the cooperation of ment received instructions cial emphasis was placed civil society in keeping the

in mind, a committee was established to conduct The Xen PHE was tasked extensive market inspecwith ensuring a consistent tions to prevent overpolice personnel, and the while the Xen PDD was The general public was power supply throughout vehicles on the roadside.

Shopkeepers were nent citizens.

essential commodities for to deploy an adequate number of traffic person-With the festive season nel in areas prone to traffic jams to prevent congestion during the festival. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Comcollection, deployment of supply of drinking water, charging by shopkeepers. missioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, along with senior departments and promi-

DC Poonch launches special drive for saturation of old age & widow pension scheme

JI NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today launched a special drive to ensure the saturation of ISSS Pension (Old age widow/Divyansjans) during a virtual mode meeting in his office chamber.

The virtual meeting witnessed the presence of officials, including Manager CSC, and Dis-Hussain Wafa, SDM Mend- Mohinder Paul, which conhar Jahangir Khan, Assistant Commissioner Pan-



vened at the DC Office.

During the meeting, chayat Naheem Un Nissa Deputy Commissioner for uploading the ben-Bhatti, AD Food, Waheed issued a direction to all eficiaries' documents and Ahmed BDOs, CDPOs, officers to achieve 100% assisting with online form TSWOs, TSOs, District saturation of ISSS Pen-submissions.

sion within one week. in the district is left out. er further instructed the Social Welfare Department to extend necessary support and guidance to the beneficiaries who require assistance in completing at the conclusion of the the requisite documents for ISSS pension.

The Deputy Commissioner announced the POICDS(Pooshan) Khalid trict Social Welfare Officer deployment of CSC computer operators in each panchayat. These operators will be responsible

Additionally, the The objective is to ensure Deputy Commissioner that no eligible beneficiary urged BDOs, CDPOs, and TSWOs to identify any The Deputy Commission- eligible beneficiaries who may have been inadvertently left out in their respective panchayats.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that drive, Sarpanchs will play a vital role in ensuring there are no eligible beneficiaries left out in their respective panchayats. This concerted effort aims to provide comprehensive support and financial assistance to elderly individuals, widows, and people with disabilities in the Poonch district.

In a First, DC Kishtwar hosts an interactive session with Widows/ Women in Distress & SHG members

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 12

In a first, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today presided over an interactive session with widows, women in distress, and members from self-help groups of district Kishtwar.

The session was organized collaboratively by the Department of Social Welfare in partnership with the District Administration Kishtwar and other stakeholders here at Complex Kishtwar.

with a warm welcome SHGs by providing various war, will focus on career address to all participants livelihood opportunities opportunities in logistics by DWSO Kishtwar, Zubair and financial aid under and allied health sectors. Ahmed Lone.

A detailed introduc- Help Groups. tion followed, outlining Government was held.

ful awareness about the and the alleviation of their Social Welfare Officer women-centric and pen-grievances. sionary schemes offered by the department.

expressed by the women participants. He assured

trict administration is war and the Tech Mahin- Session.



the aegis of NRLM,s Self

the aims and objectives of employment generation for this valuable opportuthe session, with a specific initiatives, he encouraged focus on women-centric women to explore opporschemes initiated by the tunities such as Tiffin ser-Rajesh Kumar Sharma, based on their capabili- facilitated by the Ministry Tehsil Social Welfare Offi- ties. Dr. Yadav urged par- of Information, inviting cer, and Shanu Rana of the ticipants to adopt a pro-District Hub for Empower- active approach and avail ment of Women Mission themselves of the schemes Shakti provided insight- for their greater benefit

During the interactive them to enroll their Special Cell, and a dedisession, Deputy Com- dependent wards and chil- cated Helpline number missioner attentively lis- dren in livelihood and skill for women. The DSWO tened to the grievances enhancement training provided information on programs initiated by the legal aid services available District Administration for women in distress and dedicated efforts for swift for a brighter future. He emphasized the various redressal, issuing on-the- shared information about livelihood opportunities spot directives to DSWO an upcoming workshop and initiatives accessible Kishtwar to initiate neces- organized by the District to them. sary measures for resolu- Administration Kishtwar Devansh Yadav District Employment & DHEW besides 159 paremphasized that the dis- Career Counselling Kisht- ticipants attended the

Conference Hall DC Office committed to fostering the dra Foundation. The empowerment of widows workshop, scheduled for The event commenced and women in distress and 18th October at GDC Kisht-

The Deputy Commissioner encouraged attend-Highlighting self- ees to register their wards

Additionally, he highlighted a six-month trainvices and winter tuition ing program in Animation the wards to register for this skill development ini-

In parallel, the District (DSWO) enlightened them The Deputy Commis- about crucial resources sioner also motivated like the One Stop Centre,

in collaboration with official of one stop centre,

Chairperson **DDC Ramban** kick starts blacktopping of road in Sub **Division Gool**

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 12

Chairperson, District Development Council. Ramban, Dr Shamshad Shan today kick-started black-topping of NABARD road from Panchayat Ghar Dalwah to Guralkhud bridge via Government High School Dalwah in Sub Division Gool of Ramban District.

The construction work on 1.5 km stretch will be completed with an estimated cost of Rs. 250 lakh under NABARD.

Addressing the gathering, the Chairperson said that with the completion of the project, a long pending demand of the area will be fulfilled which will go a long way in easing the life of locals.

The Chairperson directed the officers of PWD (R&B) and line Departments to ensure quality and timely completion of construction work which will benefit hundreds of souls of the

Among others, AEE, Vimal Sidha, JE Haider Ali, PRIs and locals were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Chairperson along with a team of Floriculture Department also inspected various locations to develop a Floriculture park in Sub Division Gool. The Chairperson also

interacted with the locals and listened to their issues of developmental needs. She also issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned for their early redressal.

winter preparedness and other developmental works in Udhampur UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today convened a meeting of officers of various departments to discuss the action plan for implementing directives from the Chief Secretary J&K.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Sham Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, Additional SP Anwar-Ul-Haq, Chief Planning Officer Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar, and other senior officers. In a comprehensive

discussion, several important topics were covered, including the Cleanliness Campaign Sites, Planning for Space Management and Beautification of Preservation of Heri- ongoing projects. Various tive departments.



Assets such as Buildings and Vehicles, Promotion of Home Stays at Tourist Destinations, and the Management of Pension and and accessibility in provid-Scholarship Cases etc.

Offices, Scrap and Redun- the Deputy Commission- officers to organize awaredant Items Disposal in er emphasized the imporness camps within their accordance with the Gentance of ensuring the full respective areas to inform eral Financial Rules (GFR), utilization of funds allocat- the public about various Handling Public Grievanc- ed under Centrally Spon- government schemes and es (CPGRAMS, IGRAMS, sored Schemes within their to maximize their benefits. and grievances), Review of respective departments. The DC issued directives Files and Weeding of Files, SDMs were instructed to to all officers, emphasizing Brashtachar Mukt Bharat, conduct visits to Angan- the importance of imple-Kalash Yatra, Action Plan wadi centers, address pri-menting these decisions for Snow-Prone Areas, ority issues, and monitor effectively in their respec-

drives and activities at heritage sites.

DC stressed the need for transparency, efficiency, ing services to the public. During the meeting, She asked the concerned

Fit India **Swachhata** Freedom Run 4.0 organised in Reasi

JI NEWS SERVICE REASI, OCTOBER 12

National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Singh Degree College, Reasi has organized 3 Kilometer Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 4.0. in which 100 NSS volunteers and students of the college

participated. The run was organized under the guidance of college Principal, Dr. Kulvinder Kour in both Men and Women sections under the supervision of NSS Program Officer, Prof. Ajay Kumar. Gaurav Singh of B.A. Semester first got the first position in the event while Vikram Singh Rajput and Yasser Iqbal both from semester first remained in second and third posi-Men section.

Whereas in the Women's section, Vasudha Devi of B.A. Hons. Semester 5th clinched the first position while Babli Devi of semester first and Payal Devi of semester 3rd remained in second and third spots.

DF&PD GoI organises workshop on 'Route Optimization of TDPS supply chain' at Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

With an aim to streamline the process of Public Distribution System (PDS) and make it more efficient, scalable and cost effective under the upcoming SMART-PDS (a technology driven initiative by Union Government), a workshop was today held on 'Route Optimization of TDPS supply chain' at Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs,

The workshop was conducted by Director (Storage & WE), Department of Food and Public Distribution (DF&PD), Government of India, Mateshwari P. Mishra, with assistance by Shivam Sharma of

Officer, Intra State Route Fair Price Shops enroute confronted in the actual ernment of India.



Kohli; and attended by General Manager, FCI J&K, Kaushik Das; Assis-Jammu, Chief Accounts Officer, Deputy Director(s) of FCS&CA, Jammu and Kashmir.

route involved in the Intra-tation of PDS supplies. The workshop was State movement of goods

Optimization, J&K, Rifat the State warehouses/ the participants would be mills was given by Director (Storage & WE).

The presentation hightant General Manager, FCI lighted the optimized be able to successfully route for the entire UT of Jammu and Kashmir and Assistant Director(s) which would ultimately from both the Directorates lead to reduction in trans- of Food, Civil Supplies portation charges thereby and Consumer Affairs bringing down the burden (FCS&CA), J&K is con-During the workshop, a on the State exchequer sistently working in the detailed presentation on and would also decrease direction of improvement optimized route plan viz- the time and efforts in the quality standards of a-viz the already existing involved in the transpor-

During the course of nerable section of the socihosted by Director, beginning right from the interaction, the prospec- ety through various social FCS&CA Jammu/Nodal FCI Godowns finally to the tive issues that might be security schemes of Gov-

implementation of the optimized route plan were put forth by the officers of Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, J&K and the Food Corporation of India (FCI). Director (Storage &

WE) assured that the concerns raised by duly addressed and with the hand holding from the GoI, the UT of J&K should implement the final route optimization plan.

Pertinently, department food grains that are being delivered to the most vul-